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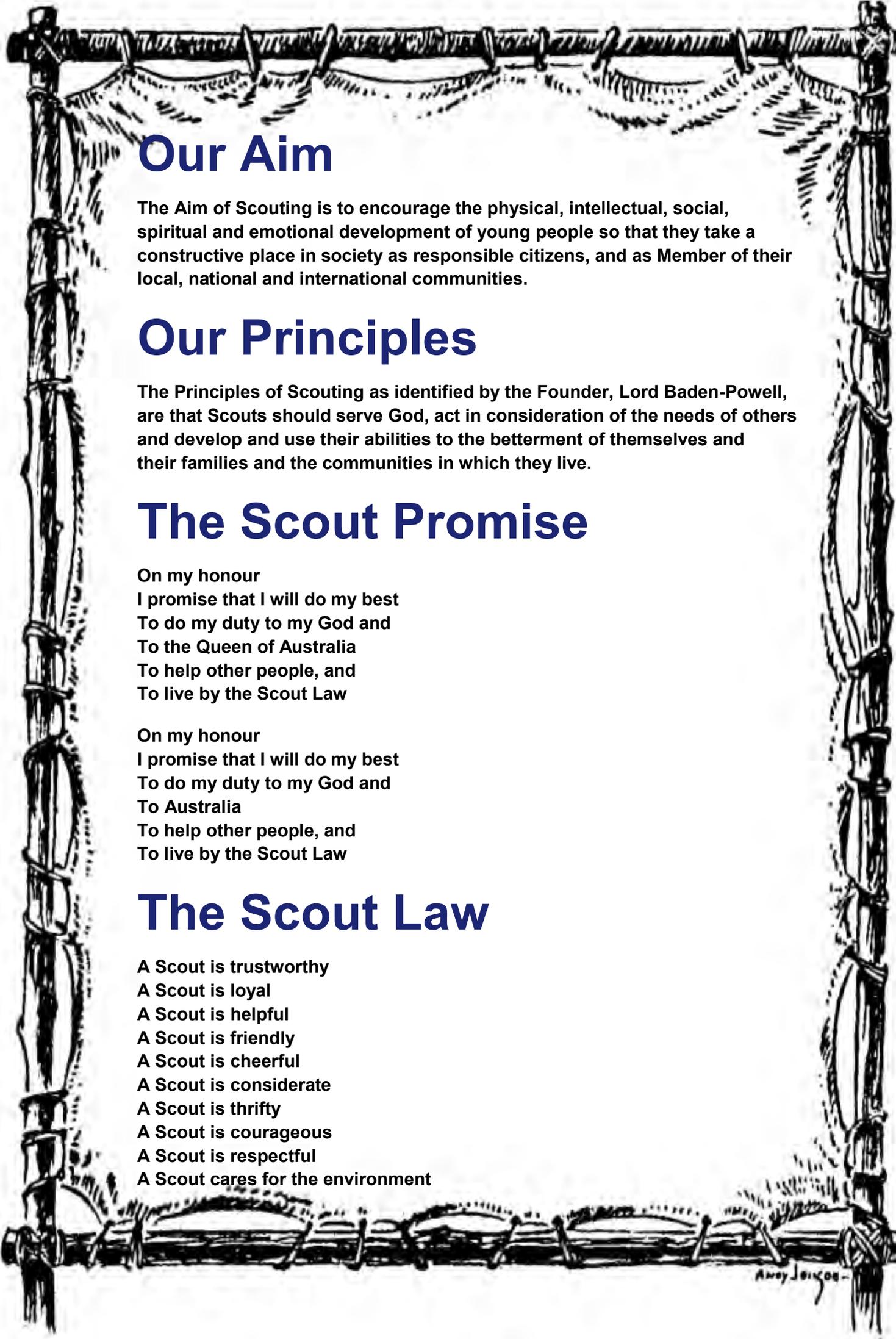
Central and Coastal Region

Annual Report

2012 - 2013

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Our Aim

The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as Member of their local, national and international communities.

Our Principles

The Principles of Scouting as identified by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts should serve God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families and the communities in which they live.

The Scout Promise

On my honour
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God and
To the Queen of Australia
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law

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The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy
A Scout is loyal
A Scout is helpful
A Scout is friendly
A Scout is cheerful
A Scout is considerate
A Scout is thrifty
A Scout is courageous
A Scout is respectful
A Scout cares for the environment

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC.
CENTRAL & COASTAL REGION

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Central and Coastal Region

Monday 18th June 2012
Mackay Masonic Hall Meeting Rooms, Wood Street, Mackay

OPENING AND WELCOME:

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm by Region Commissioner Brian Harvey. Brian welcomed everyone and thanked Ray Braithwaite for chairing the meeting. Lance Hodda read a prayer to start the meeting.

PRESENT:

Executive committee Chairman John Taylor, Treasurer Reg Ross, Ray Braithwaite (Patron), Region Commissioner Brian Harvey, Dougal McWhinney, Tim Johnson, Judy Johnson, Mary Wallace, Greg Milne, Jane Mumford, Dennis Tuckerman, Heather Tuckermann, Lance Hodda, Harry Roestenburg, Greg Sutherland.

APOLOGIES:

Hon George Christensen (Member for Dawson), Hon Tim Mulherin (Member for Mackay), QLD Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown OAM, Bob Sim, Mr Bob Hodda, Mrs Margaret Hodda, Mr David Higgins, Mrs Kathy Ball, Mr Ian Hamilton, Mr Brendan Ross, Mr Ray Cross.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAT GENERAL MEETING

Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM of 20th June 2011 were circulated to the meeting. Chair sought resolution to move they be accepted. Moved by Dennis Tuckerman, Seconded by Dougal McWhinney.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

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

Chairman's Report:

Executive Chairman John Taylor presented his report.

Region Commissioner's Report

Region Commissioner Brian Harvey presented his report and thanked the region team as a whole for the effort over the last 12 months.

Assistant Region Commissioner's Report:

ARC Dougal McWhinney presented his report.

Region Leader - Community Relations:

RL Mary Wallace presented her report.

Rowallan Park Campsite & Activity Centre:

ARC Harry Roestenburg present his report.

Discussion was held on the possibly of contacting QME to offer Johnstone Lodge as accommodation for people attending the event.

Reg Ross pointed out the fact the caretaker was no longer present at Rowallan Park and on behalf of the Region Executive, thanked Harry and his team for the efforts in maintaining the park in a excellent state.

Region Leader-Scouts:

RL Tim Johnson presented his report.

Region Leader - Venturer Scouts:

RL Judy Johnson presented her report.

Region Leader - Region Events

RL Jane Mumford presented her report.

All reports, except the Treasurer's report, adopted on a motion put by Greg Sutherland, seconded by Lance Hodda, Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Reg Ross referred to the financial statement within the official AGM Annual Report document (disseminated to those present) had been audited by Michael Curtin and pointed out the following major items:

Income:

- Affiliation fees are well up
- Insurance claim - storm damage at Rowallan Park
- Rowallan Park income has improved on last year but is still down on previous years.

Expenses:

- Bucasia Den Rates
- Various major repairs to Rowallan Park buildings
- Repairs to Goodwin Mackay Rotary Cottage to allow it to be commercially rented.

Discussion was held on the possibility of engaging sponsors for various items in the park (e.g. oil for the tractor etc).

Reg pointed out that an investigation is under way for the possible sale of the Proserpine Scout Group Den and land. Various issues are currently being looked at and it is hoped to be up for sale in the near future.

Reg thanked the auditor, Michael Curtin, for his service in certifying the financial reports.

Treasurer Reg moved that his report be adopted, seconded by Greg Sutherland, Carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Region Executive:

- Chairman - Mr John Taylor
- Treasurer - Mr Reg Ross
- Secretary - To be advised
- Members - To be advised by Region Commissioner Brian Harvey

Auditor: Treasurer, Reg Ross advised the meeting that Mr. Michael Curtin had carried out the audit for the Region for the past eight years is well qualified to do so and has agreed to continue that role.

Reg moved that Michael Curtin be appointed as the Region auditor for the year 2202-13. This was passed on a motion put by Treasurer Reg Ross, seconded by Dougal McWhinney, Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dennis Tuckerman informed the meeting he will have a memorabilia display at the Mackay Library 13-25 August.

Treasurer Reg Ross commended Bob Hodda's efforts at the Rowallan Park since the departure of the caretaker and Bob's efforts in securing various grants and items for improvements at Rowallan Park.

MEETING CLOSED: Lance Hodda finished with a prayer on conclusion. There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Executive Committee - Chairman's Report

The last twelve months have been one of the more successful years for the Executive Committee. This is because we have been very fortunate in obtaining a number of grants and donations which have enabled some great improvements to be made at the Rowallan Park Campsite and Activity Centre.

Our small Executive Committee has worked tirelessly in managing the finances and applying for various grants and this year we have been fairly successful. The Executive Committee consists of District Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Bob Hodda, Margaret Hodda, Lance Hodda, and the multi-skilled treasurer/secretary Reg Ross. At the start of this financial year we were very sorry to receive the resignation of Brian Harvey due to ill health. We wish Brian all the best and hope better health returns to him soon. Our thanks go to Brian for his special efforts for the Scouting Movement. Harry Roestenburg has also resigned from the Executive Committee and we must commend him for his years of commitment and effort as a member of this committee.

Once again, I can only stress the importance of individuals, local businesses and service clubs who all contribute so much to the everyday running of this great park and we can only hope that Rowallan Park continues to benefit from such generosity.

I would like to thank Bob Hodda for all his work in keeping the grounds maintained. This is a massive task and Bob has devoted himself to it. Thanks go to the many other volunteers who have also helped in the upkeep of the park.

Each year, Rowallan Park takes a further step to increase its potential and it is encouraging to see the number and variety of groups using the facilities. I hope to see more and more members of the community taking advantage of these wonderful grounds in the future.

John Taylor

Chairperson
Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee

Region Commissioner's Report

In this 2012 – 2013 Scouting year we can, once again, reflect back on another busy 12 months and all Groups in the Region have had a great year of Scouting, with many fun and enjoyable activities. ScoutFest was also held again this year in August with approximately 60 to 70 youth members and around 20 leaders in attendance and was enjoyed by all.

During the year several Grey Wolf awards (Cub Scouts), Scout Medallions (Scouts), Queen's Scout awards (Venturer Scouts) were achieved as well as a BP award (Rover Scouts) by Tamara Ham. These are the highest awards in the sections and take a lot of effort to achieve. Congratulations to all recipients and look forward to more in the coming year.

In August 2012 I was appointed Region Commissioner (Central and Coastal Region) as the previous Region Commissioner, Brian Harvey, unfortunately had to retire due to health issues. I thank Brian for all the work he has completed in the Region over the years and know he will continue to serve Scouting where he can.

In January 2013, we had 31 youth members and 15 leaders from the Region attend the Australian Jamboree, AJ2013, in Maryborough QLD. This is a large, 10 day Scout camp that is held every three years with Scouts coming from all over Australia and some from overseas to attend. The number of youth members on site across the 10 days was around 11,000 and around 8,000 leaders and adult supporters. The youth members and leaders brought back many exciting yarns and no doubt are looking forward to attending the next one in Sydney during January 2016.

I am pleased to report that youth membership in Central and Coastal Region experienced a 24% increase in overall youth numbers for the 2012 – 2013 Scouting year.

In October, Moranbah Scout Group was transferred from Central & Coastal Region to Central Western Region as the Region Commissioner for that Region was better placed to manage the Group (based in Moranbah for work).

The youth and adult membership in the Region as at 31 March 2013 was as follows:

- Joey Scouts 15
- Cub Scouts 60
- Scouts 64
- Venturer Scouts 11
- Rover Scouts 8
- Fellowship 6
- Adult Support 22
- Leaders 29
- Region 18

The biggest challenge we face within the Region is adult support but more specifically, Leaders, or the lack there of in most cases. At present some 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. Whitsunday Coast Scout Group is a good example of this and at present, has no section leaders and is not operational. 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. There seems to be more pressures and demands on people's time these days and finding a solution to this issue is high on my agenda for the coming year.

The Region Team currently consists of the following members:

- Assistant Region Commissioner Campsites & Community Development – *Lance Hodda*
- Assistant Region Commissioner Special Duties – *Bob Hodda*
- Assistant Region Commissioner Training Development – *Margaret Hodda*
- Region Leader Community Relations – *Mary Wallace*
- Region Leader Region Events – *Jane Mumford*
- Region Leader Cub Scout Section – *Julie Thompson*
- Region Leader Scout Section – *Tim Johnson*
- Region Leader Venturer Scout Section – *Judy Johnson*
- Region Leader Specialist Outdoor Activities – *Brendan Ross*
- Region Leader Specialist Outdoor Activities – *Greg Milne*
- Region Leader Membership Support & Development – *Nikki McWhinney*
- Region Rover Representative – *Alex Cinelli*
- Region Representative to the Branch Executive and Branch Council – *Margaret Barber*

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- Dougal McWhinney Region Commissioner
- John Taylor Chairman
- Reg Ross Treasurer
- Reg Ross Acting Secretary
- Assistant Region Commissioner Bob Hodda
- Assistant Region Commissioner Margaret Hodda
- Assistant Region Commissioner Lance Hodda
- Scout Groups within the Region:
- Banksia Scout Group – Group Leader Katrina Hoare
- Bowen Scout Group – Group Leader David Higgins
- Mackay City Central Scout Group – Group Leader Andrea McPherson
- Sarina Scout Group – Group Leader Brett Tomlinson
- Whitsunday Coast Scout Group – Group Leader Kathy Ball

I would like to thank the local Rotary Clubs and other community organisations for their assistance to Scouting in the Region and look forward to continuing to work with you in the development of our youth.

In conclusion, I am privileged to work with a very dedicated team who continue to give selflessly of their time and energy to deliver excellent Scout programs to our Youth Members and to build on the legacy left by our founder Lord Baden Powell. I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Region Executive Committee, Region Management Team, Region Leaders, Group Leaders, Section Leaders, supporters, parents and community organisations for your support and contribution to Scouting.

It is this passion and enthusiasm these people share for Scouting, the satisfaction that one derives from seeing the youth achieve their goals and succeed to become the Leaders of tomorrow that realises the true reason we continue in this role.

Yours in Scouting,

Dougal McWhinney

Region Commissioner (Central and Coastal Region)

Rowallan Park Campsite & Activity Centre Report



This financial year has seen the completion of several major, long term projects at Rowallan Park. The first was the completion of the refurbishment to the kitchen. The primary funding for this project was a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Then there was the immeasurable volunteer labour that was donated to finish the project. A special mention and thanks to Jane and Peter Mumford who spent many hours bartering, buying and painting to have the kitchen finished and ready to show off at the Region Christmas party. And thanks also to Allan Salty who took on the project work to build the kitchen to current industry standards. The finished kitchen is both functional and “looks great”.

The second major project has been the refurbishment of the Johnstone Lodge. Due to the rain, this project wasn't complete until the beginning of this financial year. The Johnstone Lodge has had a major make over. The funding for this project was from three sources - a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Insurance money (as result of damage sustained from Cyclone Ului) and Region funding. These works included repairs to the “Motel” Rooms, replacement of the roof, timber works and the upgrade of the bunk beds to be compliant with new industry standards. This work was completed thanks to Hutchinson Builders. The result is quite impressive.

Towards the end of this financial year Rowallan Park (and Mackay in general) received good rains over an extended period of time. So much so, that it was necessary to close Rowallan Park to all activities for a period of time. Even now, there are a number of areas that are still too wet to mow. In addition, there have been delays to some new projects. I hope that I will be able to report on the successful completion of these at our next AGM. There is a plus side, with the rain and the sunny days and thanks to Bob and his merry band of volunteers Rowallan Park is looking better than ever.

The Mackay Mountain Bike Club has remained very active within Rowallan Park, both in using the park and helping to maintain the tracks and pathways.

Camp Eagle continue to utilise their camp facilities and Rowallan Park in general to host their weekend camp programs, run by Chaplain Phil Hall, for the youth and churches of Mackay.

Once again I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have supported Central and Coastal Region, Rowallan Park, both from the wider community and the Leaders and supporters within the Scouting Movement who have given in so many ways over the last 12 months to help maintain and develop Rowallan Park as a safe and desirable place for our youth and adults alike to enjoy their outdoor activities.

Lance Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner
Campsites and Community Development

Most Leaders have taken the e-Learning (computer based) concept of the training program on board and are progressing well in that area. Some have difficulty in attending the practical weekends which is generally brought about by work and family constraints. Attendance is a necessary requirement in order to attain accreditation to fully carry out their role in Scouting.

We were able to stage one Leadership Training 3 and Skills Training 1 (e-Learning) Practical Course over a weekend last year and another this year. While the number of participants were small on each occasion, these Leaders were fired up with new ideas and new skills to assist them in their work in their relative Sections. Interesting program content is essential in creating a happy bunch of young people, regardless of the age group or Section, who want to come back next week for more of the fun, fellowship, challenges and new skills they have experienced this week. The training program forms the basis and provides Leaders with the ideas and ability to produce great programs. The next courses on offer are Skills Training 2 and 3 for all Sections.

Our dream of having adults in our Region qualified in the Specialist Outdoor Activities areas of abseiling and canoeing has at last become a reality. Region Leader Brendan and Rover Scout Alex have travelled thousands of kilometers over several weekends during the past twelve months to undergo the training required to obtain the necessary qualifications to conduct abseiling activities. This is a lengthy process and both Brendan and Alex are progressing well. A number of people have updated their canoeing skills to meet the current competencies. Young people, and some not so young, get a real buzz from participating in the more adventurous activities Scouting provides and in some cases join with adventure in mind. Having qualified people on hand to run these activities according to Scouting Policies and Guidelines is a real advantage.

My thanks go to the Leader Trainers who come to us from afar to run the Training Courses scheduled for our Region. Also to the local Leaders who provide assistance in many ways on these courses.

Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) is a registered training organization and is also recognized in workplace training where competencies are compatible. Training is a rather complex and tedious process and is not only beneficial to our individual role in Scouting but may be complementary to a Personal Profile for presentation to a prospective employer. The Award Scheme in the Venturer Scout Section provides opportunity for a Venturer Scout to be issued with a *Certificate II in Business* and *Certificate II in Leadership Support*.

Congratulations to Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney and Cub Scout Leader Jo Hamilton who successfully completed all 4 Modules of the Train the Trainer Course and both have been appointed a Personal Leader Adviser and Assessor.

I look forward to witnessing the continued progress and successes of our Leaders and offer encouragement to continue to provide exciting and challenging opportunities for our young people. In conclusion I wish all Members, Uniform and Non Uniform GOOD SCOUTING.

Margaret Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner
Training and Development

Community Relations Report

I was very pleased with the results of our publicity for the past twelve months and I have endeavoured to have publicity for Region Activities and presentation of awards.

For the 2012-2013 Scouting year I have had reports and photographs in the Mackay Daily Mercury for the Region Scout Camp at Rowallan Park, Scoutfest, Rover Service Moot at Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre, Venturer Scout Whitsunday Great Walk, Venturer Scout Echidna Camp, Operation Rainbow Bird hike camp at Blue Mountain, Venturer Scout Operation Yellow Submarine, Region Aquatastics carnival at Victoria Park School Pool, Region Roventure and older scouts camp at KOEC, AJ2013 at Maryborough, Queensland, Banksia Scout Group Open Day, Founders Day Campfire, and a Thank You to SES for Mackay City Central Group.

Two major awards were publicised, Tamara Ham's BP Award and Queen's Scout Award to Matthew Timms. Debbie Rutherford was presented with a Silver Arrowhead Award and Allan Salty with the Silver Wattle Award at the Annual Region Management Seminar.

It was delightful to see Encompass publish a front page photo of a Bowen Scout in the December Edition. I sent edited versions of articles to Encompass that were published in the Mackay Daily Mercury so have had plenty of publicity in the last scouting year.

After appealing to members of scouting I now have people willing to send me items for events that I haven't attended. Especially in the Venturer Scout and Rover Sections which of course are the more adventurous sections giving more appealing activities for publicity for scouting.

Four newsletters were published for the Central and Coastal Region for the past 12 months. Thanks to those who regularly contribute. This year I have changed the format of the newsletter and will also make other minor changes. I attended the Australian Jamboree at Maryborough and worked as a reporter for the Jam Daily. This experience was very worthwhile and has given me some other ideas that can be used in the newsletter to make it more appealing to youth members.

Thank you to the Group Leaders and Region Leaders who advise me of up-coming events so I can attend if possible otherwise I make an effort to source photos of the event for publication.

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

Mary Wallace

Region Leader
Community Relations

Region Events Report

The 2012-13 scouting year saw the events calendar run in its entirety, something that has not happened for a couple of years....no cyclones, no cancellations just good clean fun and fellowship.

The events were as follows.

Scoutfest: After the success of our inaugural Scoutfest in 2009, to provide an event to yet again challenge the youth members and give them the experience of something new and exciting was a little daunting, but I do believe we did it yet again due to the support and hard work of the dedicated few. Scoutfest was held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of August 2012 at Rowallan Park and was attended by the majority of active Groups within the Region and their families. We also had the abseiling team leaders of Big Al and Ray travel from Rockhampton and Brisbane. The weekend started Friday night with movies and popcorn in the discovery zone and the next two days saw the zones of discovery, adventure and aqua offer activities such as waterslides, canoes, tubing, abseiling, mountain bikes, rope bridges, billy karts, lava lamps, kiting, ice-cream making, sensory circus skills and the discovery of Scout memorabilia. Saturday night the parade ground became a carnival of jumping castles, velcro walls, chocolate tosses, balloon bursts, mini golf, treasure hunts AND loud music. On Saturday night after the youth were tucked up tight under the watchful eyes of their parents, the Leaders took the opportunity for fellowship and a bit of reminiscing and lots of laughs over a cuppa in the form of a Leaders supper....something that will now continue to be tradition at Scoutfest. Sunday dawned breathtakingly beautiful... Rowallan Park style....and after Scouts Own in the chapel the zones again provided activities until lunchtime.

Aquatastics: This year Aquatastics was held on Saturday November 10 at the pool at Victoria Park State School in Mackay as our northern Groups were unable to attend. An afternoon of organised chaos in the water, there was plenty of exercising of the limbs and lungs. Banksia Scouts took home the coveted "Golden Snorkel" team award for 2012.

Christmas Party: The leaders and their partners celebrated the end of the Scouting year and the Christmas spirit with cocktails and canapés on the verandah of Johnstone Lodge on Saturday December 1st. With the natural beauty of the park and a few fairy lights the mood was set for a relaxing and enjoyable night amongst friends. We had deemed the night a dual celebration as the renovations of the kitchen were basically complete, so for many it was the first opportunity to view the kitchen at the Lodge. Bob Hodda proposed the toast...Rover style...to a job well done in the kitchen and Dougal expressed his appreciation to all for a great year over a mocktail on the verandah..... A good night was had by all.

Founder's Day: This year Founder's Day was celebrated on Friday 22 February 2013 with a campfire at Banksia Den. The night commenced with a sausage sizzle and then Baloo led a campfire full of songs, skits, rounds and yells. The night finished with a yarn on BP's ability to observe and outwit the enemy during the war which he subsequently turned into the tracking and navigation skills of the Scouting Movement. The youth members during the evening were also intrigued with the display of Scouting hats, again proudly presented by Monawee and Hathi.

In closing, my sincere thanks to my fellow Leaders and family who are always there to offer their support and assistance throughout the year.

Jane Mumford

Region Leader
Region Events

Specialist Outdoor Activities Report

It's been a productive year in relation to training as this year has seen myself and Alex Cinelli able to advance our skills and gain qualifications that will see the Region soon having the opportunity to enjoy more outdoor skills and adventurous activities.

The area of focus has been abseiling which has also allowed us to run our first Abseil Course in the Region, which is a huge thing and hoping for many more courses to come. They are a lot of fun, as you realize that being on the edge is a lot more fun and interesting after your first go.

Canoeing has also been on the agenda as it has been a while since we have had a Canoe Course in the Region. This course was done on the coldest weekend of the year in June but all had fun and the people that participated are now trained under the new system.

All of the Adventurous Activities have been aligned under the SAIT (Scouts Australia Institute of Training) system, which has been a great advance as the training courses are aligning to other outside organisations. This is also highlighted by Scouts Australia's 1st National School in Adventurous Activities to be held in Sydney and surrounding areas. This will enable anyone that wants to, advance their skill level in either current or new areas and will also allow them to obtain an outdoor industry recognised certificate.

We are currently in the process of getting some Region abseil equipment that will allow us to run abseil activities for the Scouting sections (Scout and older), so we will advise you when we can see you all on the cliff.

This next year will hopefully see us advance our skills and get the Region on the edge. Thanks again.

Brendan Ross

Region Leader
Specialist Outdoor Activities

Cub Scout Section Report

The past year has been a successful year in the Cub Scout Section throughout the Region.

The support and enthusiasm that comes from the Leaders is fantastic. The Leaders want the Cub Scouts to experience Scouting at its best. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders for their support.

I receive information from the Leaders that Cub Scouts in their Packs are achieving well in their badge work and have been recipients of the Grey Wolf Award.

In the Central and Coastal Region there have been two Cub Scout Leadership Courses held and recently a combined Cub Scout and Joey Scout "Fun at the Fair" activity day.

The Cub Scout Leadership Courses were well attended. The Leader participation was excellent which enabled the program to run smoothly and the Cub Scouts were able to enjoy the activities of the day. These courses are designed to develop leadership skills in the Cub Scouts which enables them to assist the Leader in the Pack. The role of a Sixer or Second is of great importance and by attending a Leadership Course it then helps develop a Cub Scout more fully for his/her role in the Pack. The Cub Scouts demonstrate the new skills while in the Pack and it is mandatory to complete a series of activities to receive the Cub Scout Leadership badge which is then worn on the uniform.

A big event on the 2012-2013 calendar for Cub Scouts was the Cuboree which was held at Seonee Park, Rockhampton. It was a fantastic experience for all the Cub Scouts who attended and good to see the attendance from local Packs from the Central and Coastal Region. The experience for me was a challenge but very rewarding and the importance of the Cuboree was to ensure the Cub Scouts were safe and having an exciting fun filled time. I look forward to attending the next Cuboree to be held in Maryborough in 2014.

I also had the pleasure of attending AJ2013 (Australian Jamboree 2013) and worked on the Medical Team which was a wonderful experience and a time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. The whole experience was exciting and great to be in Queensland enjoying what AJ2013 had to offer.

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

Julie Thompson (Pikki)

Region Leader
Cub Scouts

Scout Section Report

The Scout Section has continued to be active throughout the past year. While we have seen slight growth in relation to new membership, we have experienced losses in other ways. Moranbah Troop has been transferred to another Region, Proserpine Group has closed due to a lack of adult leadership and Whitsunday Coast Group has no Scouts at present.

I wish to thank Dougal, Lance and other Leaders for taking on the responsibilities of the Region Scout Camp and the Scout Leadership Course.

Judy and I have opened up the Driver Reviver rest stop at Waverley Creek for the Sarina Scout Group over the Easter period. Together with other Region members we also helped man this base after Christmas. Travellers are appreciative of the service available to them and quite generous with donations which make for a good fundraising opportunity. The Region received almost \$3,000 and Sarina Group almost \$4,000.

Scouts attended Anzac Day parade as they do every year. They also participated in the Region swimming carnival.

We didn't provide damper on Australia Day this year as public celebrations were not held in Mackay. I think it very disappointing not to celebrate our Country's day.

The annual Rainbow Bird weekend took the form of a hike and bike ride from Blue Mountain Road turnoff to Prospect Creek. Here the Scouts camped for the night and continued with a bike ride to Koumala.

The rope bridge was once again a popular activity at the Community Thanksgiving Day. While there were too few people available to assist on the day many young people gained enjoyment and satisfaction from walking across. I hope one day to have more people learn how to erect the bridge and dismantle it along with its safe storage, as I am getting too old to continue this work.

Yours in Scouting

Tim Johnson (Taiwan)

Region Leader
Scouts

Venturer Scout Section Report

During the past year the three Venturer Scout Units, Bowen, Banksia and Mackay City Central, have worked well together. Banksia and Mackay City Central are still operating as one Unit. The Youth members have cooperated well and are all achieving the targets they have set themselves. We farewelled Matt Timms with His Queen's Scout Presentation before he departed for university life in Townsville.

Over the past twelve months the Venturers have covered all areas of the programming spectrum, from purely social to spiritual development, brain straining to muscle straining. They have participated in 13 camps, from Rocky to Bowen and back again. They have challenged their minds and their bodies. Don't ask for a "Venturer" unless you are prepared for a very sweet drink, just ask the Banksia Group Leader.

They have abseiled with Alex and Al, hiked the Clarke Range and the Whitsunday Great Walk, erected tents throughout Bowen and challenged the Rovers and Scouts in the amazing race. At Echidna the youth members challenged themselves making fresh strawberry cheesecake and soft serve ice cream on the side of the road. Undertaken First aid training and a Defensive Driving Information evening, painted ceramics and each other. I will say being a Region Venturer Scout Leader is anything but boring.

For the combined Units, there are currently 13 invested Venturers and 2 linking Scouts. Needless to say there are some very hardworking Venturers who are trying to achieve their Queen's Scout Awards. Distance and numbers are again proving challenging as we endeavour to provide opportunities for training. Currently 2 Venturers are waiting for a Leadership Course to complete the required badges before submitting their applications for Queen's Scout Awards but unfortunately time is against them. With Unit Management and Leadership Courses booked for later in the year it should not be a problem for the younger Venturers in the Region.

1 Venturer Scout, 1 Rover Scout and 1 Leader are about to travel to Far North Region to participate in Queensland Venture 2013 and from the expeditions planned, they should all have some interesting stories to tell when they return. We will once again participate in Echidna and Central and Coastal Venture which is now in its 6th year and has Venturer Scouts and older Scouts looking forward to a weekend of very active water sports and challenges.

I would like to thank all of the Leaders who support the Venturer Scout Section and the Rovers who assist tirelessly where needed, allowing a wide and varied program to engage the Venturers in their Scouting pursuits.

We are looking forward to a great year with forward planning already underway for an expedition at Easter and another in the June July holidays 2014

Judy Johnson

Region Leader
Venturer Scouts

Rover Scout Report

Our year has had many incredible and memorable moments to date. It has technically only been one week as the Rover Scout year in CQ begins and ends in June with the election of a new Central Queensland Rover Council. This year we were lucky enough to have our Rover Crew Leader Alex Cinelli elected to CQ Chairman. Now back to the year at hand.

We have participated in many activities with the Venturer Scouts encouraging them to come to Rovers when they come of age. From hikes to training we have done a lot of work to strengthen the bonds between the youth members. Roventure was one of these memorable moments. We created a mud and obstacle course for the Venturers to test their skill and wit and they all had a blast. We also made it onto the front page of the Encompass Magazine for this which is quite a feat.

We have also made headway with younger members of the Movement already looking to Rovers when they get older and it is good to hear comments about the Crew, that we always bring something new to the table at Region activities and that the youth see this and then grow from these experiences.

We have been upholding our vow of "Service" as well as doing work for the Scouts out at Rowallan Park and also helping at community days by setting up a rope bridge at the National Day of Thanksgiving. We are also looking forward to helping with the Seaforth Fishing Extravaganza where we will be selling food and drinks on behalf of Lions.

We have also just attended our first Moot for the year in Rockhampton. June Moot this year also celebrated 30 Years of CQRC with about 70 guests in total including Rovers and ex members known as Codgers. A great weekend was had by all with a multitude of activities that included beach games and a Rover contest night and an Extreme obstacle course. The June Moot Cup was won by Mackay Rovers, this being a highlight of the weekend.

We have also attended many other Rover functions in Queensland. A highlight of these was St. George's Ball in Brisbane where we all got to be sophisticated and wined and dined with Rovers from all over the State and interstate. A great night was had by all who attended. We also walked away with awards for North Queensland. These went to one of our sister Crews, Florence Bay.

The Crew is in full operational plan mode for our big event of the year, Christmas Moot 2013. As a part of CQ Rovers this year, our Crew has been delegated this Moot so we are all stations go, prepping and securing activities for the Rovers who will venture to Mackay for this event. We plan to promote CQ Rovers and Mackay, to Brisbane and prove what CQ Rovers are really capable of when we set our minds to it.

Other than this our general weekly activities have been varied. To keep our program new and interesting we have done everything from iceblocking at the Harbour to many a night at Rowallan Park just spending time as a Crew and making the most out of what it means to be a Rover. Though we have had a decline in numbers this makes us more determined to show people what a Rover is and why they should be part of the Movement.

To finish I would like to say it's not what Rovers do that make or break us, it's how we do it. If we make mistakes along the way so be it. We learn from these and this is how we grow personally and as a collective.

Blake Bath

Rover Crew Secretary

Be Prepared!



Attachment A

Central and Coastal Region

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2013

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 March 2013

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2013.

Committee Members

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

John Taylor
 Reg Ross
 Lance Hodda
 Bob Hodda
 Margaret Hodda
 Dougal McWhinney

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 2013	Year ended PrevYearEnd
\$ 7,641.95	\$ (38,628.88)

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 2013

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 2013 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
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Income		
Affiliation Fees	4,035.00	4,655.00
Badge Sales	788.30	111.20
Donations		
- Donations		6,190.50
- Driver Reviver	2,983.80	
- Rotary - Mackay	4,400.00	
- Rotary - Mackay West	2,000.00	
- Rotary - Mackay North	1,000.00	
- Rover Scouts	1,500.00	
	11,883.80	6,190.50
Insurance Claim Recovery		4,498.28
Interest received		
- Westpac. Cheque Account	204.16	127.37
- Training Admin A/c	56.38	107.23
- B.H.Q. Development Fund	782.39	2,055.71
	1,042.93	2,290.31
Rowallan Park Income		
- Camping Other	1,152.00	230.00
- General Park Use Camp Eagle	1,587.00	1,794.00
- General Park Use - Day Hire Ford 4wd		3,520.00
- Lodge Other	4,590.00	4,337.50
- Mountain Bike Club	2,704.45	1,280.85
- Other Rents	16,395.15	1,425.00
- Scout Camping	1,535.00	689.00
- Scout Lodge	335.00	94.00
	28,298.60	13,370.35
Training Administration Income		
- Region Events	2,247.00	1,275.60
- Training	894.47	688.27
	3,141.47	1,963.87
Total income	49,190.10	33,079.51

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 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Expenses		
A.G.M Expenses	30.00	30.00
Audit fees	330.00	330.00
Badges	1,060.95	
Depreciation	15,767.00	19,343.00
Postage & stationery	99.00	93.00
Rates Bucasia Den		2,165.70
Special Appeals		300.00
Rowallan Park Expenses		
- Electricity	2,050.70	1,851.08
- Fuel / Oil	505.40	1,007.47
- Insurance	8,389.18	20,767.92
- Fire Services - Bldg & Exting's	1,182.00	804.00
- Registration - Trailers		218.20
- Repairs Builplding & Plant	5,045.83	5,717.04
- - Repairs Cottage		13,900.00
- Repairs - General		35.00
- Sundry		449.56
- Telephone	98.03	1,512.73
- Rubbish Removal	1,572.85	1,275.30
	18,843.99	47,538.30
Website Development	356.34	
Training Admin Expenses		
- Scouts	353.09	
- Region Events	2,507.68	1,118.89
- Training	2,200.10	789.50
	5,060.87	1,908.39
Total expenses	41,548.15	71,708.39
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	7,641.95	(38,628.88)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	7,641.95	(38,628.88)
Total changes in equity of the association	7,641.95	(38,628.88)

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 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Opening retained profits	(243,418.17)	(204,789.29)
Net profit attributable to the association	<u>7,641.95</u>	<u>(38,628.88)</u>
Closing retained profits	<u><u>(235,776.22)</u></u>	<u><u>(243,418.17)</u></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 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	28,665.26	5,712.33
Training Admin Account	5,650.37	7,285.67
BHQ Development Fund	24,102.20	23,319.81
	<u>58,417.83</u>	<u>36,317.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>58,417.83</u>	<u>36,317.81</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	89,703.86	102,733.86
Value of Furniture, Equipment	5,260.13	6,433.13
Value of Plant & equipment	14,072.29	15,636.29
	<u>244,036.28</u>	<u>259,803.28</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>244,036.28</u>	<u>259,803.28</u>
Total Assets	<u>302,454.11</u>	<u>296,121.09</u>
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Unsecured:		
- Other creditors		1,308.93
		<u>1,308.93</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,308.93</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,308.93</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>302,454.11</u></u>	<u><u>294,812.16</u></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 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
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Members' Funds		
Reserves		
General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>(235,776.22)</u>	<u>(243,418.17)</u>
Total Members' Funds	<u><u>302,454.11</u></u>	<u><u>294,812.16</u></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 2013

2013

2012

\$

\$

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.

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 31 March 2013.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting obligations under 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Auditor's Report

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

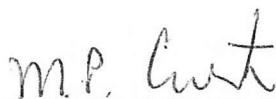
Qualification

As is common of 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 Association's 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.

Signed on : 21/6/13



Michael P Curtin, BBus. CPA

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