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Central and Coastal Region

Annual Report 2013 – 2014

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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

Andy Jackson

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Central and Coastal Region being held on Monday, 23rd June 2014 at the Mackay Masonic Hall Meeting Room commencing at 8:00pm.

OPENING and WELCOME

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PRAYER

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MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting of the Central & Coastal Region

Held on Monday 24th June 2013

Mackay Masonic Hall Meeting Rooms, Wood Street, Mackay

Opening and Welcome

The meeting was opened at 8.00pm by Chairman, Patron Ray Braithwaite who welcomed all in attendance.

RL Mary Wallace constituted the meeting with prayer. Chairman Ray commenced the meeting with his recollections of Scouting in the days when he joined scouting in the early 1970's. He urged us to continue to pursue the ideals of the Scouting movement and our local objectives.

Present

Patron Ray Braithwaite. ARC Margaret Hodda. Executive Committee Chairman John Taylor. Executive Treasurer and Acting Secretary Reg Ross. Bob Hodda, Lance Hodda, Mary Wallace, Jane Mumford, Judy Johnson and Tim Johnson

Apologies

Apologies were read as per attached list

Moved Reg Ross Seconded Bob Hodda that these apologies be accepted
Carried.

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 18th June 2012 were circulated to the meeting.

Moved Reg Ross Seconded Judy Johnson that these minutes be accepted.
Carried.

Business from Minutes – Nil

Correspondence

All correspondence for the Region is handled at monthly meetings by the Executive.

Reports Chairman noted that all relevant reports are presented within the official AGM Annual Report document given to those present.

Executive Chairman's Report

Presented by Chairman John Taylor

Treasurers Report

Reg Ross presented the audited financial reports for both the Executive and Training Accounts as included in the AGM Reports presented to all. Reg made comments on some of the financial events of the year. –

Year was financially positive thanks to rental income from cottage. Maintenance done as required at Rowallan Park. Improvements on buildings done in the year ie. On Kitchen and Johnstone Lodge – Total outlays of \$112,500 (some funds paid in 2013-14 year). Significant funds have come from Grant monies that do not show in our report as transactions go through BHQ. The treasurer's report was received and adopted on a motion moved by Treasurer Reg and Seconded by Chairman Ray and Carried.

Region Commissioners Report

Prepared by RC Dougal McWhinney and presented by ARC Margaret Hodda.

Rowallan Park Report

Prepared and presented by ARC Lance Hodda. He spoke to his report and expanded on many highlights of activities at the Park during the year.

Training Report

ARC Margaret Hodda presented and spoke to her report which was received very well.

Community Relations Report

RL Mary Wallace presented and spoke to her report. She was commended for her work in this area.

Region Events Report

RL Jane Mumford presented her report and reported a successful year. She thanked all for their support and assistance during the year.

Other Reports noted and taken as read were –

Specialist Outdoor Activities Report
Cub Scout Section Report
Scout Section Report
Venturer Scout Section Report
Rover Scout Report

Appointments

Region Executive

- Chairman – Mr John Taylor
- Treasurer – Mr Reg Ross
- Secretary (Acting) – Mr Reg Ross
- Members – Mr Lance Hodda
 - Mr Bob Hodda
 - Mrs Margaret Hodda

Auditor

Treasurer, Reg Ross advised the meeting that Mr Michael Curtin who had carried out the Audit for the Region for the past nine 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 year 2013-14. This was passed on a motion put by Reg and seconded by Margaret Hodda and Carried.

General Business – Nil

Meeting Closed

Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting

RL Mary Wallace concluded with prayer

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Executive Committee – Chairman's Report

Once again it is time to reflect upon the achievements of the Executive Committee for this past year.

The Activity Building has been fitted out with fans, lights and power points thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Mackay. Johnstone Lodge has wheelchair access partly due to a grant from the Mackay Foundation. The balance of the cost was paid from Rowallan Park funds. Air conditioning has also been fitted to Johnstone Lodge as a result of a grant from the Macrossan and Amiet Foundation. The kitchen above the training room is now updated and more functional than ever. A new exhaust fan has been added to this kitchen by Mike Wright. In the last six months, Mike Wright has carried out a tremendous amount of work in the Park, fitting air conditioning, hot water systems and anything to do with plumbing. Thanks Mike for your seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm for Rowallan Park projects.

The refurbishment of the amenities block has completed the mission to make Rowallan Park a more appealing camping facility. This was made possible because of the receipt of a Community Gambling Benefit Fund grant. Thanks go to Hutchinson Builders for a great job done. Thanks also to Charles Porters & Sons for donating the roofing material to complete the upgrade of the amenities building.

Thanks very much to those hardy souls who ran the Driver Reviver at Waverley Creek over the Christmas Break. As a result, our funds are significantly improved.

Our small Executive Committee have once again worked tirelessly to manage the finances and continue to improve the facilities offered at the Park for the scouts and other youth groups in the Mackay district. The Executive Committee consists of Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Bob Hodda, Margaret Hodda, Lance Hodda, and our treasurer/secretary Reg Ross.

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.

John Taylor

Chairperson
Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee

Region Commissioner's Report

Once again the Scouting year has flown by and we can reflect upon another busy 12 months. Groups in the Region report they have had a great year of Scouting, with many fun and enjoyable activities.

During the year many Promise awards (Joey Scouts), Grey Wolf awards (Cub Scouts), Australian Scout Medallions (Scouts) and Queen Scout awards (Venturer Scouts) were achieved. These are the highest awards in each of the sections and take considerable effort to achieve. Congratulations to all recipients and I look forward to attending more in the coming year.

I am pleased to report that youth membership in Central and Coastal Region experienced a 6.4% increase for the 2013 – 2014 Scouting year. This shows that Scouting still has something to offer the youth even in the current economic environment.

Unfortunately adult membership took a bit of a hit and we have lost a few good leaders for various reasons. Training of leaders in a timely manner is still a challenge due to the fact we don't have any appointed trainers in the Region. I am hopeful in the next 12 months to turn this situation around and have a local trainer appointed. This will assist leaders, both new and experienced, in advancing their training in the required timeframe without having to travel to other Regions.

The youth and adult membership in the region as at 31 March 2014 was as follows:

• Joey Scouts	20
• Cub Scouts	54
• Scouts	69
• Venturer Scouts	18
• Rover Scouts	10
• Fellowship	11
• Adult Support	23
• Leaders	29
• Region	16

Current Scout Groups within the Region:

- Banksia Scout Group – Group Leader Katrina Hoare
- Bowen Scout Group – Group Leader David Higgins
- Mackay City Central Scout Group – Leader in Charge Brian Harvey
- Sarina Scout Group – Group Leader Brett Tomlinson
- Whitsunday Coast Scout Group – Group Leader Kathy Ball

We are currently gathering interest from the community to possibly open a new group in the Pioneer Valley area (possibly at Marian) as well as another to the north of Mackay around Calen.

Anyone visiting Rowallan Park in the last 12 months will have noticed a huge change. Lance Hodda and his team (consisting of Bob Hodda, Margaret Hodda, Trevor Hodda, the Rowallan Park Fellowship and the Rover Scouts) have been working tirelessly at the park completing everything from mowing the grass and finding water leaks to assisting the builders undertaking upgrades. The Park looks excellent and visitors comment that it is a great asset to the Region.

The proof of this is the increase in external bookings for the Park. The Region has also been successful in obtaining grants from both local and state organisations to make improvements at the Park and purchase equipment. Without the assistance of these grants and the donation of time, money and equipment from the community, we wouldn't have an asset as great as Rowallan Park. Congratulations to Lance Hodda and his team for delivering excellent results.

The Region Team currently consists of the following members:

- Assistant Region Commissioner (Special Duties) – *Bob Hodda*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsite & Community Development) – *Lance Hodda*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Adult Training & Development) – *Margaret Hodda*
- Region Leader (Community Relations) – *Mary Wallace*
- Region Leader (Scouts) – *Tim Johnson*
- Region Leader (Venturer Scouts) – *Judy Johnson*
- Region Leader (Adventurous Activities) – *Brendan Ross*
- Region Leader (Adventurous Activities) – *Greg Milne*
- Region Leader (Membership Support & Development) – *Nikki McWhinney*

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- Dougal McWhinney Region Commissioner
- John Taylor Chairman
- Reg Ross Treasurer
- TBA Secretary
- Bob Hodda Assistant Region Commissioner
- Margaret Hodda Assistant Region Commissioner
- Lance Hodda Assistant Region Commissioner

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

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. With your continued support, passion and enthusiasm for Scouting in the Region, I am certain we will assist the youth achieve their goals and succeed to become the Leaders of tomorrow.

Yours in Scouting,

Dougal McWhinney

Region Commissioner (Central and Coastal Region)

Rowallan Park Campsite and Activity Centre

This financial year has been a big year for Rowallan Park in a number of ways. The first being the completion and acquittal of the refurbishments to the Johnstone Lodge in April 2013. Due to changes in Bunk Bed Safety from the Office of Fair Trading, it was a requirement that we remodel the bunk beds in the Johnstone Lodge in order to be compliant with these changes. This was completed as part of the refurbishment. The total cost came to \$75,000. For the work that was done this was good value for money, thanks to Hutchinsons Builders.

Thanks to a donation from the Rotary Club of Mackay, the fitting of lights, fans and power points to the activity building was finally able to be completed. We now have an Activity Building that is being utilised throughout the year for a diverse range of activities.

Following the success of our application to the Mackay Foundation, the wheelchair access path and ramp from the Car park and rooms at the Johnstone Lodge to the Training Room has been completed at a cost of \$6000, \$3000 from the grant and \$3000 from our own funds.

In addition, our grant application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to refurbish the ablution block to meet current health and safety standards was successful. This project has been completed and includes a new roof thanks to Porters who donated the roofing materials. The new design now provides plenty of natural light during the day and keeps the leaves and other rubbish out. The installation of the new wash troughs and toilet accessories completes this project. The interior was also given a coat of paint and some concreting on the outside to reduce build-up of dirt and leaves. First impressions are amenities that you would want to use. Once again we owe our thanks to Hutchinson's Builders for the completion of this project.

Banksia Scout Group were kind enough to donate a second hand trailer for use at Rowallan Park. It will also be handy transporting larger or bulky items to Rowallan Park. Thank you to Banksia Scout Group.

A grant from Macrossan and Amiet has allowed us to install air conditioners into Johnstone Lodge. Users of the Johnstone Lodge will now be able to get a good night's sleep during the summer months without the heat and that lone mossie buzzing around.

Rowallan Park is looking quite a picture at present. After the continued rains and as a result, the never ending mowing, I would have to say it has been a while since it has looked so good for so long. Both dams are full and the part of Glendaragh Creek to the left of the causeway crossing is holding water as well. There have been only a few brief windows of opportunity to mow this area over the last 12 months.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge those people who volunteer their time and resources to keep Rowallan Park looking and operating the way it does. The very few people in the Rowallan Park Works Committee do a magnificent job. The Rover Scout Crew assistance is also very much appreciated. They take on specific projects and manage them to completion. The most recent is the revamping of the Chapel site. Have a look next time you're out at Rowallan Park. I think you will agree with me that they have done a very good job.

The Mackay and District Mountain Bike Club also lend a hand. They have had many working bees out at Rowallan Park this year. While they are maintaining their bike tracks they are also keeping our walking tracks open, whipper snipping and in some cases removing fallen trees.

From October 2013 to March 2014, 774 volunteer hours were logged at Rowallan Park.

Bookings for Rowallan Park have been strong throughout the year. It is pleasing to see Rowallan Park being used and enjoyed by Scouting members as well as the various groups from within the community. It takes a lot of money to keep Rowallan Park. All income from the various Groups making use of and enjoying what Rowallan Park has to offer, is used for the maintenance and upkeep of Rowallan Park. Without this income we simply cannot afford to keep Rowallan Park. Seriously, if we don't use it we will lose it. As an example, our insurance costs for Rowallan Park for 2014 are \$10781 alone.

Camp Eagle continue to utilise their camp facilities and Rowallan Park in general to host their various programs throughout the year, run by Chaplain Phil Hall, for the youth and churches of Mackay. Camp Eagle are currently in the process of upgrading some of their facilities at Rowallan Park.

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.

Rowallan Park Fellowship

The Rowallan Park Fellowship currently has 11 Members. The Fellowship have enjoyed a few social gatherings during the past year. Member's also manned the Waverly Creek Driver Reviver between Christmas and New Year. This was mighty achievement was made even bigger when the Community Group that were to take over from the Fellowship advised that they were unable to attend. In true Scouting Spirit the Fellowship decided to stay on. The end result – they kept the Driver Reviver manned 24 hours a day from 10am Boxing Day (2013) through to 10:00am 2 January 2014. There were many hundreds of cups of tea and coffee made for grateful travellers.

The Rowallan Park Fellowship was rechartered in 2013. Lloyd Brown was finally presented with his Silver Arrowhead Award.

The following members reached these "Years of Service" Milestones – Janet Brown - 10 Years , Ron Laffin - 15 Years, Brian Harvey - 20 years and Joe Kearns - 30 years. That adds up to a lot of hours given to the Scout Association. Thank you.

That concludes my report.

Yours in Scouting,

Lance Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner
Campsites and Community Development

The year under review has not been without difficulties and sometimes frustrations in having to reschedule courses or at worst see courses cancelled.

We were successful in having one each of Leadership Training 3, Skills Training 1, Skills Training 2 and Skills Training 3 courses go ahead. The associated e-Learning (computer based on line) modules were also completed by each Leader in attendance, in their own time, prior to attending the relative courses. Unfortunately the scheduled Wood Badge 1 course was cancelled due to the receipt of insufficient applicants to stage the course.

Prior to the end of each calendar year, Regions within the State are required to submit to the Deputy Chief Commissioner for Adult Training and Development a scheduled list of training courses deemed necessary for the following year. This is crystal ball stuff but we do our best. These courses and dates are then advertised in the monthly Queensland Branch Newsletter "Encompass" which is available to all members within the Branch. We are still reliant on Appointed Trainers to come from other centres to conduct training courses in our Region. This reduces our flexibility to stage courses as the availability of Trainers who are in a position to be able to travel to other Regions has decreased over time. Since my resignation from the Training Team in March 2011 there have been no Training Team appointments made to service the Central and Coastal Region. This is very disappointing, despite members completing the pre requisite training and being recommended for consideration but with no results to date.

As part of the findings from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Scout Association is required to have all members who hold Leadership positions to be adequately qualified. It is now mandatory that Leaders complete their training to Advanced Level Standard, that is Wood Badge Training 3, within the two year time frame in accordance with their Mutual Agreement with the Association, Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI) and Policy and Rules (P & R).

Keen interest has been shown in the Adventurous Activities areas of Abseiling, Canoeing and Bushwalking. The relative courses have been held with positive results which will allow our youth members to take part in these activities guided by suitably qualified Leaders.

We were most fortunate in having a very successful and informative Working with Youth with Disabilities Workshop conducted by Stephen Kydd, Region Commissioner, Capricorn Region who travelled from Rockhampton to present and share his knowledge and experience with the 15 Leaders who attended. We were privileged to have three members of the Australian Air Force Cadets in attendance also.

Congratulations to Region Leader Nikki McWhinney on being awarded the Wood Beads, Gilwell Scarf and Parchment in recognition of her completion of the formal Leader training program to Advanced Level.

My thanks go to the Leader Trainers who come to us from afar to run the training courses scheduled for our Region. Especially David Thomas and Christine Long who drive up from Nambour in the “Nailsmobile” at least once a year. The path around Johnstone Lodge providing wheelchair access is appropriately named “Nail’s Trail”. “Nails” is David Thomas’s Scout name and David is confined to a wheelchair. Thanks also to the dedication of our local people who contribute to training in any way, big or small. I trust we can look forward to positive results from training in the coming year. Making it all happen is a TEAM effort.

Yours in Scouting,

Margaret Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner
Adult Training and Development

Community Relations Report

I have been successful in having a number of scouting activities published in the Daily Mercury, and like other years there were a few that they didn't publish.

The highlight was having two front cover photos in Encompass, one from a Central Queensland Rover Moot, and one of a Venturer Scout Abseiling. I have been sending regular items to Encompass which have been published

The report on Tyla Fleay's Queen's Scout Award was published, Harry Roestenburg's Silver Kangaroo Award, as well as the Abseiling Training Weekend, Working with Youth with Special Needs training, and Founders Day activities at Canelands Park.

I have published four Central and Coastal Region Newsletters over the 12 months.

Thank you to the leaders, venturers and rovers who regularly contribute by sending me reports.

I would like to move the adoption of my report.

Mary Wallace

Region Leader
Community Relations

Membership Support and Development

Tasked with the brief, passed on from the Chief Commissioner to the Region Commissioner, to grow the membership of the region it has been a year of ups and downs.

Since the permanent closure of the Proserpine Scout Group there was a gaping hole in the northern part of the region. Re-starting the Whitsunday Coast Scout Group was identified as being able to fill this gap. Two trips were made to the area after advertising in School newsletters and some social media. The first trip up yielded no response from the community however the second trip was more successful. About 10 children showed up to be added to the list, the local newspaper turned up for photos and the Leaders and some youth members from Bowen made the trip down.

The first night of the re-started Whitsunday Coast Scout Group seemed to be off to a good start. A Cub Scout Leader was recruited and many parents said they'd be back. Sadly this doesn't seem to have taken off as well as expected. Hopefully, with a bit more promotion the Group will increase its membership. This is expected to be a challenge as a local community group is running a similarly styled program which is targeted at the same age groups as Cub Scouts to Venturer Scouts.

Another area to be explored is the possibility of opening new groups where there is the population base to support it. Areas that are being investigated are the Northern Beaches and the Pioneer Valley. Current research indicates that the Pioneer Valley, in particular Marian, would be the preferable option due to population growth, distance from the nearest existing Group and community need. Casual polling of residents in the area has indicated that there would be cause to seriously investigate opening a group in Marian.

In addition to identifying the need for new groups, the plan for the new Scouting year is to assist the current groups to grow their membership. School newsletters, community engagement and social media will be employed in this endeavour.

Yours in Scouting,

Nikki McWhinney

Region Leader – Membership Support & Development

Adventurous Activities Report

Well this year has been relatively full on with a lot of training courses or opportunities to advance my and other peoples skills in the Region, which is great for the Region.

This training consisted of Level 1 and Level 2 Canoe Courses being held at Kinchant Dam which I was able to attend along with other people in the Region. This now enables us to take people on the water under the new SIS10 Qualifications as the old Water Charge Course is no longer available or recognised.

In regards to my own training I had the opportunity to attend the 1st National School in Adventurous Activities Camp in Sydney from the 13th to the 24th January 2014. This was a great opportunity to network with likeminded people. This also allowed the opportunity to complete some competencies that are a bit challenging to complete back here in Mackay. By doing this Camp I have received a Cert II in Outdoor Activities and well on the way to completing Cert III and Cert IV in Outdoor Activities.

Being in the Region role I have been helping out with a few other activities in the Region which include JOTA/JOTI which is held in October every year. This includes helping with computer setup and troubleshooting for JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet). There is also an Electronics base that is run and we (Rovers and Leaders) get the task of making the kits work that don't after the youth assemble it. I believe we only had one kit that would not work after we attempted to fix all the broken ones.

I have assisted the Venturer Scout Section with a few activities throughout the year when they require some additional help or skills to enable some of their activities. These activities include some Skills Camps to get them on the right track for Navigation and Hiking. The Region also runs an Initiative Camp called "Echidna Camp". This activity challenges the participants in a range of areas and they are assessed as they go in teamwork, leadership and other areas. This led to being a support member over Easter on the Mackay Great Walk.

The Venturers also run their major activity call CCV (Central Coast Venture) this gives the Ventures and Rovers an opportunity to mix and enjoy some Water Activities including Canoeing, Tubing and Knee Boarding behind two or three Ski Boats. I am involved in coordinating the Power Water Crafts along with other tasks as required throughout the weekend.

In the recent months I have joined the committee which have been working toward organising and running Scoutfest. which will be combining abseiling, rock walls, canoeing and a lot of other activities at Rowallan Park.

I look forward to some more action packed weekends with the Region.

Yours in Scouting

Brendan Ross

Region Leader
Adventurous Activities

Venturer Scout Section Report

The Region Venturer Scouts have been extremely active and have kept their Leaders very busy with badge work, camps and activities. There have been 15 camps, three hikes, one week long Venture, six Training Courses, two Region Activities and several musical performances.

We have presented a Queen's Scout Award to Tyla Fleay from Mackay City Central Group, Venturer Award and an Endeavour Award for Service to Daniel O'Neill from Banksia Group as well as numerous other badges to other Venturer Scouts. All members are working well and enjoying the challenges that Venturing offers.

They have travelled south to Gladstone for CQ Roventure, north to Townsville for NQ Roventure, and west to the Clark Range for a hike. This only leaves the East to make all four points. Eight Venturers, two Leaders and three Rover Scouts will undertake a trip to Hinchbrook in the next few weeks. This will challenge our members and give them the opportunity to traverse one of the most beautiful areas in Australia.

Training has been high on the agenda for the Venturers and their Leaders this year, with Leader training and Adventurous Activity training being undertaken by most if not all of the Leaders, and Adventurous Activity training being completed by Venturers to Level 2 Canoeing, Level 1 Abseiling and Level 1 Bushwalking even if the weather hasn't cooperated. We hosted a Venturer Scout Leadership course in Calen run by Branch Commissioner Phil McNicol and a Unit Management Course run by Branch Advisor Chris Dunne.

The Echidna weekend at Finch Hatton was an entertaining weekend for Leaders and Rovers. With the Venturers being challenged, and the level of skill provided by Region Leader Brendan Ross and Rover Scouts Alex Cinelli and Josh Brzozowski in setting up the challenges, being appreciated by everyone. The Annual Venture at Kinchant Dam was the largest held so far with 54 Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders enjoying a fantastic weekend of water, sun and fun.

The coming year offers more opportunities for Venturing to grow in our Region. I am looking forward to the challenge and would like to thank all of the Leaders, Rover s and Adults who assist our Venturers allowing them to appreciate all that Venturing can offer our youth members.

Yours in Scouting

Judy Johnson

Region Leader
Venturer Scouts

Rover Scout Report

It's been a huge year and I will do my best to condense it.

There are currently nine members that make up the Mackay Crew with one member of the Sarina group joining our meetings. Out of the 10 of us three are Knighted while the rest remain Squires.

The Crew as a whole has supported a great deal of Venturer Scout camps, assisting with the organising and running of the annual initiative Echidna camp, Central Coastal Venture, various local hikes and Rover and Venturer competition and fun nights, which have all been very rewarding and a great deal of fun.

This year the crew has been to every Central Queensland (CQ) event. With all the late nights and early mornings very little sleep has been had but we would do it all again in the blink of an eye. With the restart of the Bundy Rover Crew we will have more late nights and early mornings ahead attending the event.

June Moot - wow what a massive June moot we had here in Mackay. If messy isn't the word for it I don't know what is. From 30 kg of flour being sprayed over everyone, to giant messy twister, to the return of the mega slide. If that doesn't sound like fun then you are too old (ha ha). With people travelling from all over the state to Mackay the event was sure to shape up to be the event of the year and so far it has held up to the hype.

Service Moot was held in Gladstone with the Rovers helping the community out by marking out the trail up the numerous walking tracks through the ranges. Being tired and sore we enjoyed a night of entertainment at the Dolphin Rover Crew den and added more memories to our Rovering life.

Christmas Moot was again in Mackay and with the pressure to make it memorable we made sure not to disappoint. With the start of the mega slide and the added fun of a low ropes course and a rope bridge across the dam it was guaranteed to make everyone have fun.

This year, Ro-Venture was in Gladstone at Lake Awonga Dam and saw the Rovers run the Ventures wild with canoeing and a midnight scavenger hunt cause some tired ventures the next morning and the excitement of what the next day had ahead. With the rain starting, what better way to take advantage of it then make a mud slide but unfortunately with the rocky ground put a halt to our plan. With that stopping those ideas count on the Rovers to make something out of nothing. Overall the Venturer Scouts had fun while the Rovers ran off no sleep but all worth the smile on the younger members faces.

What can I say, the Rovers have been busy and with more camps to come I can see more stories arising and more adventures lie ahead.

One of the highlights of the year for some of the crew was attending the return of the notorious Banana Bash. The tradition of Banana Bash goes back a while and it was once an annual event, however the event was stopped a few years ago due to the high level of risk involved and insurance problems. With a new set of rules and guidelines put in place the event was finally given the okay again to be back on the Rover Calendar. In early October, three members of the crew made the journey down to Ipswich to watch as Rover Crews from all around Queensland competed and raced their home built vehicles around a system of rally tracks. It was a truly awesome experience seeing all the different types of buggies and vehicles constructed and to witness just how much heart and

soul each Crew put into their cars in each race. We are all looking forward to attending the 2014 event and hopefully in the future we will have a car of our own to compete in this incredible event.

St Georges ball? Wow what a difference a year can make. From being barely known in south east Queensland to receiving two awards this year just shows how much the Mackay Crew and CQ Region has been getting involved. For those who aren't aware Saint George's ball is an event run annually in Brisbane where Rovers from all around the state attend a formal dinner followed by awards and mingling. This year we had six Mackay Rovers attend this event with a lot of catching up done with new friends made at WAM (19th Australian Rover Moot). We have travelled a lot this year and a lot of these trips were to Brisbane for numerous events and with this the Mackay Crew won the "I want to be a SEQ Rover Crew" award. Apart from this award the CQ Region also won the Service Award for this year.

The 82 strong Queensland Contingent, which consisted of five Mackay Rovers, returned from Western Australian Moot (WAM) after having a fantastic time. The Woodman Point site on the beach just south of Freemantle was the perfect site for a Moot. Over ten great days, Rovers waked, hiked, boated, dived, swam, abseiled and rock climbed their way around the south west of Western Australia. Not only were the days action packed but the nights were just as full on with bands and activities keeping us rowdy bunch entertained. The main event of the night activities was the Eastman Shield in which three of the Mackay Rovers competed for the Queensland Contingent

So you could say we have travelled a bit over the year to get to all of these events. To help put things in perspective I put together some rough calculations. We have clocked up a total of 207hrs travelling around 440,858km's with most of those kilometres travelled via car and only a handful of our trips consisting of plane flights. Although these distances have made for some very expensive trips, each one has been worth every cent and has been an amazing and unique experience.

Some of our members have participated in various training over the past year. With members attending and completing Abseiling Level 1, Canoeing Level 1 and Canoeing Level 2 courses around the Region. Completing this training will assist us in bettering our Rover skills and giving back to the Movement.

Joshua Brukowskii

Rover Crew Leader

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Attachment A

Central and Coastal Region

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2014

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 March 2014

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

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 deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 March 2014	Prev Year End
\$	\$
(3,260.68)	7,641.95

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 2014

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 2014 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 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income		
Affiliation Fees	3,290.00	4,035.00
Badge Sales	231.00	788.30
Donations		
- Driver Reviver	3,987.25	2,983.80
- Rotary - Mackay	4,174.50	4,400.00
- Rotary - Mackay West		2,000.00
- Rotary - Mackay North	2,000.00	1,000.00
- Rover Scouts		1,500.00
- Grants - Mackay Foundation	3,000.00	
- Grants- Macrossan & Amiet Fund	3,698.57	
	16,860.32	11,883.80
Interest received		
- Westpac. Cheque Account	36.66	204.16
- Training Admin A/c	45.43	56.38
- B.H.Q. Development Fund	52.52	782.39
	134.61	1,042.93
Rowallan Park Income		
- Camping Other	1,486.00	1,152.00
- General Park Use Camp Eagle	1,446.00	1,587.00
- Lodge Other	11,292.50	4,590.00
- Mountain Bike Club	4,259.70	2,704.45
- Other Rents Guides Area	500.00	
- Other Rents - Cottage	14,445.38	16,395.15
- Scout Camping	2,569.00	1,535.00
- Scout Lodge	1,167.00	335.00
	37,165.58	28,298.60
Training Administration Income		
- Region Events	2,090.30	2,247.00
- Training	936.75	894.47
	3,027.05	3,141.47
Total income	60,708.56	49,190.10

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 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Expenses		
A.G.M Expenses	30.00	30.00
Audit fees	330.00	330.00
Badges	1,287.75	1,060.95
Depreciation	16,725.00	15,767.00
Postage & stationery	223.86	99.00
Rowallan Park Expenses		
- Electricity	2,048.53	2,050.70
- Fuel / Oil	1,575.91	505.40
- Insurance	9,733.19	8,389.18
- Fire Services - Bldg & Exting's		1,182.00
- Repairs Plant	12,635.67	5,045.83
- - Repairs Cottage	2,672.62	
- Repairs Buildings	6,189.64	
- - Rates	2,167.50	
- Telephone	10.68	98.03
- Rubbish Removal	2,026.50	1,572.85
	39,060.24	18,843.99
Website Development		356.34
Training Admin Expenses		
- Scouts	623.35	353.09
- Region Events	563.09	2,507.68
- Training	5,125.95	2,200.10
	6,312.39	5,060.87
Total expenses	63,969.24	41,548.15
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(3,260.68)	7,641.95
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(3,260.68)	7,641.95
Total changes in equity of the association	(3,260.68)	7,641.95

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 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Opening retained profits	(235,776.22)	(243,418.17)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(3,260.68)</u>	<u>7,641.95</u>
Closing retained profits	<u><u>(239,036.90)</u></u>	<u><u>(235,776.22)</u></u>

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	27,507.77	28,665.26
Training Admin Account	5,429.46	5,650.37
BHQ Development Fund	3,265.32	24,102.20
	<u>36,202.55</u>	<u>58,417.83</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>36,202.55</u>	<u>58,417.83</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	90,458.86	89,703.86
Value of Furniture, Equipment	20,981.41	5,260.13
Value of Plant & equipment	16,550.61	14,072.29
	<u>262,990.88</u>	<u>244,036.28</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>262,990.88</u>	<u>244,036.28</u>
Total Assets	<u>299,193.43</u>	<u>302,454.11</u>
Net Assets	<u>299,193.43</u>	<u>302,454.11</u>
Members' Funds		
Reserves		
General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	(239,036.90)	(235,776.22)
Total Members' Funds	<u>299,193.43</u>	<u>302,454.11</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 2014

2014
\$

2013
\$

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 2014.

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.

Independence

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

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Auditor's Report

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 :

Michael P Curtin, BBus. CPA

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