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Central and Coastal Region

Annual Report

2014 – 2015

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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

Agenda for the Annual Report Presentation of the Central and Coastal Region held on Monday, 3rd August 2015 at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room commencing at 7.30 pm.

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Minutes of the Annual Report Presentation 23rd June 2014

MINUTES

of the Annual Report Presentation of the Central & Coastal Region
held on Monday 23rd June 2014
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.

Assistant Region Commissioner Margaret Hodda 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 Scout Movement and our local objectives.

A welcome was extended to the Chief Commissioner's representative Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen and his partner Sandra Downing.

Present

Region Executive Chairman John Taylor, Scout Fellowship Members Dennis and Heather Tuckerman, Assistant Region Commissioner Lance Hodda, Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Region Leader Nikki McWhinney, Region Leader Brendan Ross, Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen, Ms Sandra Downing, Rover Scout Alex Cinelli, Assistant Region Commissioner Margaret Hodda, Assistant Region Commissioner Bob Hodda, Patron Ray Braithwaite, Secretary/Treasurer Reg Ross, Group Leader Katrina Hoare.

Apologies

Chief Commissioner of Queensland Kirsty Brown, Region Leader Tim Johnson, Region Leader Greg Milne, Rover Advisor Harry Roestenburg, Fellowship Member Julie Thompson, Region Leader Mary Wallace.

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 24th June 2013 were circulated to the meeting.

Moved Reg Ross Seconded Dougal McWhinney that these minutes be accepted.
Carried.

Business from Minutes

Nil

Correspondence

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

Reports

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

Some reports were personally presented by those present at the meeting. These were as follows –

Executive Chairman's Report

Presented by Chairman John Taylor

Region Treasurers Report

Presented by Reg Ross

Reg presented the audited financial reports for both the Executive General and Training accounts as included in the AGM Reports presented to all. Income now being generated by usage of Rowallan Park and the renting of the cottage has enabled the executive to continue to bring the standard of facilities at the Park to a very respectable standard.

The major achievement during the year was the refurbishment of the ablutions block. This work was made possible by a grant from the Gaming and Community Benefit Fund and excellent value for money work done by the contractors Hutchinsons Builders. We thank them sincerely for the job done.

Reg thanked all of the Hodda family who have continued to hold Rowallan Park to their hearts and attend voluntarily to either do or organise many tasks that are required to keep this asset in shape.

Region Commissioners Report

Presented by Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney. Dougal gave a comprehensive report on the status of the Region for the last twelve months.

Rowallan Park Report

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

Training Report

Assistant Region Commissioner Margaret Hodda presented and spoke to her report which was well received.

Adventurous Activities Report

Presented by Region Leader Brendan Ross

Rover Scout Report

Presented by Rover Scout Alex Cinelli

Other Reports noted and taken as read were –

- Community Relations report
- Venturer Scout Report
- Membership Support & Development Report

On conclusion of presentation of all reports a motion was moved by Des Allen, Seconded Margaret Hodda that all reports be accepted and received as presented. Carried

Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen in moving the adoption of the reports commented that our Executive should get more mileage from our numerous support groups ie. Rotary Grant Donors etc. and have them along to speak at our meetings or we go to them. We should give these entities a copy of our annual report and again thank them for their support.

Des thanked all supporters to scouting in our Region – uniform and non-uniform. Des commented on the terrific work done on Rowallan Park in recent years

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

The need to work on replacement of Executive members was raised. RC Dougal McWhinney, DCC Des Allen and ARC Bob Hodda spoke about opportunities for contact to a wider community e.g. through Mountain Bike Club to secure replacements as soon as possible.

Auditor

Treasurer, Reg Ross advised the meeting that Mr Michael Curtin who had carried out the Audit for the Region for the past ten 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 2014-15. This was passed on a motion put by Reg and seconded by Margaret Hodda and Carried.

Position of Patron

Chairman Ray (also current Patron) suggested it was time to look at the mechanics of a replacement in this position – he suggested a Politician e.g. George Christensen (Federal Member) for consideration.

Notation of Thanks

Acting Secretary Reg, wished to record his thanks and appreciation to ARC Lance for his completion of the task of compiling the Annual Report document.

General Business

Dennis Tuckerman raised the issue of the retention of memorabilia currently being held by Bob Hodda, himself and others in our area.

Dennis advised that he had not been well of late and he urged our executive to seek some solution to the storage of this important history of Scouting in our Region. The executive will consider this further in the future.

Meeting Closed

Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

ARC Margaret Hodda concluded with prayer.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Supper was served.

Executive Committee – Chairman's Report

This being my 10th year as chair of the Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee, I would like to reflect on some of the achievements of this committee during the past ten years.

We have been blessed with some wonderful executive members during this time. John Alcorn, Ray Cross, Harry Roestenburg, Brian Harvey plus our existing team. The dedication of these people during their participation has been truly commendable as is shown by the improvements in the facilities of Rowallan Park Campsite and Activity Centre.

I would like to pay tribute to the efforts of our current team also. The team includes Dougal McWhinney, Bob and Margaret Hodda, Lance Hodda and Reg Ross. Recently Nikki McWhinney has become a welcome member of the committee.

Thanks to the efforts of these people and the Rowallan Park Fellowship there has been a remarkable transformation in what Rowallan Park can offer.

Some of the changes include:

- A new activity centre replacing the previous dilapidated structure
- A new kitchen in the activity centre
- The Rotary Hut beside the dam
- The tractor shed below the cottage
- A new kitchen adjoining Johnstone Lodge and the training area
- Improvements in the air conditioning of Johnstone Lodge
- Cement path around Johnstone Lodge making it suitable for disabled users
- New roof and renovations to the amenities block
- Provision of areas to the Mountain Bike Club and Camp Eagle for their dedicated use
- Renovations to the Goodwin Memorial Cottage
- Numerous improvements to plant and equipment

These are the significant improvements. Many other minor changes have been made as well but too many to list individually.

I would like to pay tribute to our outstanding Treasurer/Secretary Reg Ross, who has tendered his resignation after many years of wonderful service. He will be sorely missed by us all.

In conclusion, as always I would like to thank the Service Clubs, local businesses and individuals who support Rowallan Park so generously.

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 we had quite a few Grey Wolf awards (Cub Scouts), Australian Scout Medallions (Scouts) and Queen's Scout awards (Venturer Scouts) achieved in the Region. These are the highest awards in each of the sections and take considerable effort to achieve. Congratulations to all the recipients as well as to the leaders and parents that assisted the youth member along the way. 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 10% increase for the 2014 – 2015 Scouting year. This shows that Scouting still has something to offer the youth even in the current economic environment.

Unfortunately adult leadership numbers dropped a little and we have lost a few good leaders for various reasons. Training of leaders locally in a timely manner is still an ongoing issue. There has been a major shift in the leader training program and the Region had Joanne Hamilton (Scout Leader – Banksia Scout Group), appointed as a Trainer in the Region. This will assist leaders, both new and experienced, in advancing their training in the required timeframe without having to travel to other regions.

In July we opened a new group in Marian, Pioneer Valley Scout Group. The group opened with a Joey Scout section, a Cub Scout section and a Scout section. Sue Jensen kindly stepped forward to take on the Group Leader role and to run Cub Scouts until a leader was found. Sue was previously Assistant Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts) for the Darling Downs Region. Chris Allan stepped forward to take on the Scout Leader role. Chris was previously Assistant Scout Leader at Banksia Scout Group. The group is slowly growing and is active in the community.

The youth and adult membership in the Region as at 31 March 2015 was as follows:

- Joey Scouts 12
- Cub Scouts 68
- Scouts 70
- Venturer Scouts 27
- Rover Scouts 11
- Fellowship 10
- Adult Support 35
- Leaders 32
- Region 16

Current Scout Groups within the Region:

- Banksia Scout Group – Group Leader Katrina Hoare
- Bowen Scout Group – Leader in Charge Justine Hart
- Mackay City Central Scout Group – Group Leader Andrea McPherson
- Pioneer Valley Scout Group – Group Leader Sue Jensen
- Sarina Scout Group – Leader in Charge Lance Hodda
- Whitsunday Coast Scout Group – Group Leader Kathy Ball

In August we held a very successful ScoutFest. There was well over 100 youth members in attendance doing activities from Rope Adventures (abseiling, rope bridge, rock climbing wall), Bike Bungle (bike riding around the various trails at the park), Aqua Activities (rafts, catapults, canoes), Discovery Adventure (petting zoo, various sensory activities) and Saturday Night Adventure (carnival activities). A big BRAVO must go to Katrina Hoare (Group Leader – Banksia Scout Group) and her committee for organising a very successful event.

A big BRAVO also goes to Lance Hodda and his team (consisting of Bob Hodda, Margaret Hodda, Trevor Hodda, the Rowallan Park Fellowship and the Rover Scouts). They 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 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.

The Region Team currently consists of the following members:

- Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsite & Community Development) – *Lance Hodda*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Membership Support & Development) – *Nikki McWhinney*
- Region Leader (Community Relations) – *Mary Wallace*
- Region Leader (Group Support) – *Rowan Cahill*
- Region Leader (Venturer Scouts) – *Judy Johnson*
- Region Leader (Adventurous Activities) – *Brendan Ross*

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

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| • Dougal McWhinney | Region Commissioner |
| • John Taylor | Chairman |
| • Reg Ross | Treasurer |
| • Margaret Hodda | Assistant Treasurer |
| • TBA | Secretary |
| • Bob Hodda | Camp Warden |
| • Lance Hodda | Assistant Region Commissioner |
| • Nikki McWhinney | 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

Campsite and Community Development Report

The 2014 – 2015 Scout year was another busy year at Rowallan Park. I can honestly say that there were very few weekends where some part of Rowallan Park was not being utilised. There were more weekends this year where different groups (including non-Scouting organisations) were utilising Rowallan Park at the same time. The online booking system is well utilised by both Scouting and Non Scouting persons and organisations booking a campsite or use of the facilities at Rowallan Park.

The upgrade to the main toilet block at Johnstone Lodge was completed. The majority of this work was completed in the previous financial year, however a few finishing touches and retouches were required to fully complete the project.

The gas supply, distribution and all fittings were upgraded within all of our facilities to meet Workplace Health & Safety requirements. Official certificates were issued in accordance with Government legislation. Alterations to safety cages were made and new automatic gas regulators installed.

Negotiations were completed with the Guides which resulted in an agreement that Rowallan Park would take over the responsibility of their ablution block. All toilet pedestals and cistern assemblies were relaced and repairs to sewage lines and vents completed. Hand basins and bench tops were replaced. The termites hadn't left much of the bench tops to replace! All lighting was replaced, wiring made safe and heat controls fitted to electric hot water systems in accordance with current legislative requirements. This now gives us a second amenities block on the other side of Rowallan Park.

The Rover Crew upgraded the Chapel site. This included replacement of old log seating that had been there for many years.

The transformation of the Bunk beds in the Johnstone Lodge were finally completed and are now compliant with the current legislative standards.

Air conditioners were fitted to Johnstone Lodge main dormitory by Mackay Rotary Club. This will make sleeping in the warmer weather a lot more comfortable and bug free (well almost).

We now have all the necessary equipment to complete the construction of our own rural fire tender. The fire tender will be able to be attached to the Massey Ferguson tractor for future use around Rowallan Park and assist with our safety schedule.

This financial year a considerable amount of funding had been applied to maintenance on the Rotary Goodwin Memorial Cottage, along with many hours of volunteer labour. Termite infestation was prevented in the early stages but required replacement of the pergola surrounding walls. The pressure pump was overhauled, the bathroom refurbished along with the replacement of the toilet assembly and upgrading of the sewage lines, vent lines and maintenance of the septic tank. The cottage will require a coat of paint on the exterior in the near future and a few finishing touches to the pergola walls.

Extensive maintenance was carried out on the Navara Ute, overhauling the brakes and wheel bearings, sprucing up the paint job and giving it a general service. Thank you to T. Hodda & Mackay Car & Truck Rentals for doing this for us. The Navara is utilised for general maintenance activities around Rowallan Park.

The Mackay and District Mountain Bike Club have continued with the improvement and maintenance of their track facilities. Their efforts greatly assist with the control of rubbish undergrowth and noxious weeds. It has also enhanced and maintained our fire break facilities and property access for all occasions, in particular access for emergency services, and for all those who use Rowallan Park.

Camp Eagle, under the direction of Chaplain Phil Hall, have improved their campsite area with the addition of another shed, new marque and extended the water reticulation.

The general maintenance of Rowallan Park is a regular activity. This includes the mowing, roadway repairs, water main breaks, pumping water on a regular basis, gas burner blockages, maintaining gas supplies, cleaning of buildings, toilet blocks, machinery breakdowns and maintenance, sewage line blockages, boundary fencing patchwork, weed control, undergrowth clearing (lantana, monkey vine etc) are all part of but not a complete list of requirements to maintain an efficient operation. The labour component of these activities are all done by a dedicated group of volunteer workers. In 2104 – 2015 financial year the “recorded” hours of the volunteer workers was 1206 hours.

Central and Coastal Region’s plan, or vision, for the future of Rowallan Park is documented in the Rowallan Park Business and Development Plan and budget (referred to in Scouting as the 2020 Scout Plan). This outlines the strategy for the long term sustainability of Rowallan Park as a preferred resource for camping and outdoor activities, not only for the members of the Scout Association, but for other community organisations as well, including Schools, Church Groups, Mountain Bike Club and families just to name a few. This document is regularly reviewed and updated.

The 2020 Plan documents our future maintenance needs so that we maintain our machinery, buildings, grounds and equipment in a safe manner and to be compliant with Workplace Health and Safety, as well as future improvements to our facilities to meet projected future needs, maintain a good occupancy rating and endeavour to meet the ever growing ongoing costs and development finances. By having the 2020 Plan, we can also maximise opportunities for fund raising, applying for grants and negotiating for assistance with machinery / materials to assist with the ongoing development. A couple of examples of large projects in Rowallan Park’s 2020 Plan is the replacement of the decking on Beaver Masters’ Bridge to allow safe vehicle and pedestrian traffic and the levelling of the Parade Ground to make it a better, more usable activity area and safer for playing sports.

Once again, the Rowallan Park Fellowship kept the Waverley Creek Driver Reviver facility open, 24 hours a day, from Boxing Day through to New Year’s Eve. There were many cups of tea, coffee and biscuits served and Scouting Fellowship offered to the many travellers who took advantage of the Driver Reviver and stopped in for a break.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have supported Central and Coastal Region, Rowallan Park. The Volunteer Workers who regularly give their time to do the regular chores that must be done (some pleasant, some not so pleasant), the Leaders and supporters within the Scouting Movement and members of the MAD Mountain Bike Club and Camp Eagle and the wider community in general 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.

That concludes my report.

Yours in Scouting,

Lance Hoddle

Assistant Region Commissioner
Campsites and Community Development

Membership Support and Development Report

The 2014-15 Scouting year has been one of ebbs and flows.

Having restarted the Whitsunday Coast Scout Group with great promise this has not translated into members. Having only picked up one leader and about 6 youth members the Group is still struggling. This is most likely due to several outside influences including the transient population caused by the economic downturn and the success of the PCYC programme that gained traction in the time Scouting was paused in the town. Online and school newsletter promotion has not managed to boost numbers. Hopefully this will improve in the next Scouting year.

The other area identified as in need of a Group was the Pioneer Valley, specifically Marian. The Pioneer Valley Scout Group began in June and there were 44 children who turned up on the first night. This did not translate into an equal number of memberships but about half joined the group. The cost of membership was highlighted as a factor. Leader numbers and youth numbers dropped at the commencement of 2015 and the Group has not yet recovered from this. Again, it is hoped more advertising and getting the word out might assist in boosting numbers.

Leaders are hard to find and keep in the Region. The inability to provide sufficient training courses locally is a contributing factor. Some potential Leaders are not willing to travel to Brisbane to complete training.

The Mackay Sports Expo was a great event and Scouts were permitted to attend for the first time. The Region Commissioner and I attended and spoke to many potential Scouts. They were provided with the details of their preferred Group and encouraged to attend a night at the Den to decide if Scouting was for them.

The one thing I cannot stress highly enough is responding to all membership enquiries quickly in an effort to retain that potential member's interest. Get them into the Den; have them meet the other members and ensure they want to be a part of Scouting in your Group. As we all know, this is half the battle.

It is a function of my position in the Region to assist Groups with getting the word out about Scouting. I am happy to provide information to any Group that requires some hints and tips.

I am looking forward to another busy year of assisting to provide the wonderful game of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting

Nikki McWhinney

Assistant Region Commissioner
Membership Support and Development

Community Relations Report

A variety of exciting scouting activities have been reported in the past scouting year, especially in the older sections, and many achievements have been recognised for youth members and leaders.

The major event for the 2014-2015 scouting years was ScoutFest which was held in August. Thank you must go to Group Leader Banksia Group, Katrina Hoare, who co-ordinated the activities and organised the publicity for the Camp. Well done Katrina! The TV cameras filmed the activities and interviewed youth members, parents and leaders. The Daily Mercury attended as well and took photos and wrote a story for their paper.

June 2014 was Rover Moot in Mackay. The weekend started nicely and the Saturday saw the activities getting off to a good start, however on the Sunday the drizzly weather set in, and some activities were modified. I was still able to get plenty of good photos and a great story for the Daily Mercury and Encompass, which had one of the photos as the cover page.

Each year JOTA and JOTI is always a great weekend for exciting activities and good publicity, which was done for the Daily Mercury and Encompass.

Numerous Australian Scout Medallions were presented in the past 12 months. Two Queen's Scout Awards to Tyla Fleay and Daniel O'Neill, and some Grey Wolf Awards which were reported on for the Daily Mercury and Encompass.

Encompass used a photo from CCVenture for the front page, tubing at Kinchant Dam. The Venturer Scouts had a camp at Hinchinbrook Island and I had the report they wrote published for them.

Thanks to the Groups that let me know when there are activities happening and I try to get to as many as possible.

Mary Wallace

Region Leader
Community Relations

Adventurous Activities Report

This year has proved to be fairly busy with training courses for myself and the Region to participate in and gain some great skills. I have been also given the opportunity to get involved with some of the sections with some adventurous activities and just some general leader support with other activities.

We have had great opportunities to get on the ropes and abseil. We had ScoutFest in August which had us sending many scouts over a temporary Tower with a drop of 4 metres over the two days of the event. Early this year (January) we had the opportunity to have Mark Cane from Queensland Branch in the Region and we got to abseil at Dumbleton Weir for three different days. Much fun was had and we even had the kids abseiling into the water which was a new experience for most. The Banksia Scout Group invited me to participate and assist in their Top Rope Camp at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre. This allowed more kids on the activities at a time.



When I'm not abseiling because it's too hot, I get into the Canoeing and Kayaking. We were able to have a Kayak Level 1 and 2 Course in Mackay, and this has enabled us to utilise the kayaks in the area when we run any water activities. All kayak and canoe activities need to be run with appropriately trained people to the SIS10 standard as the old Anchor Badge is no longer recognised.



With the Adventurous Activities there comes some basic skills that are rather important. One of those skills is navigation. The Venturer Scouts have asked for some assistance in this area which had me teaching and setting courses around the Scout Park, Eungella Dam and Kinchant Dam.

While at Kinchant Dam we had the Venturer Scouts participate in an all night Initiative Course with navigation as a key skill in addition to canoeing and pioneering skills.



My leader training has also been finalised which was marked by the presentation of my Wood Beads along with some of the other Leaders in the Region who also completed their training

Being in the Region role I have been helping out with a few other activities in the Region which include JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet) which is held in October every year. This includes helping with computer setup and troubleshooting for JOTI. There is also an electronics base that gets 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.

Just recently I was asked to assist at the Region Scout Camp which was interesting as the last one I attended was as a Scout over 14 years ago.

The Venturer Scouts run their major activity called CCV (Central Coast Venture). This gives the Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts an opportunity to mix and enjoy some water activities including canoeing, tubing and knee boarding behind 2 – 3 ski boats. I get involved in coordinating the power water craft along with other tasks as required throughout the weekend.

Yours in Scouting

Brendan Ross

Region Leader
Adventurous Activities

Venturer Scout Report

The year has been interesting. The Leaders have been busy training and assisting the youth members to achieve their best. There has been one Queen's Scout Award and four Venturer Awards as well as numerous Venturer level badges and Queen's Scout level badges approved and awarded.

There have been have been two 4 Day Hikes including the picturesque Hinchbrook Island and several overnight camps. All were completed with the small number of Leaders and very enthusiastic Venturer Scouts in the Region.

ScoutFest was a huge success with the Venturer Scouts enjoying all the activities provided. JOTA/JOTI weekend saw the Venturer Scouts undertake weed control in the back area of Rowallan Park, completing the project as part of their Environment Venturer Award level tape, while still enjoying the activities of the camp. Just to finish off 2014 Central and Coastal Venture (CCV) was a massive success with more attending than in the previous year.

The Venturer Scouts didn't even take a break over Christmas with many abseiling or undertaking some training to complete other badges. The Region's Venturer Scouts are attending lots of Region activities, helping in other sections and have been on organising committees showing off the skills they have.

The opportunities offered to the Venturer Scouts would not be possible without the support of many Leaders and adults who are willing to give their assistance. On behalf of the Venturer Scouts please accept their sincere thanks and appreciation for everything you do for them.

Several Venturer Scouts have expressed their intention of attending New Zealand Venture in 2016. One is attending the World Jamboree and they should all return with some great memories.

Net year is looking to be a very big year for Venturing in Central and Coastal Region with several Scouts all set to advance and swell the numbers. They are ready, willing and able to Look Wide.

To the small team of dedicated Venturer Scout Leaders, Crystal, Gary, Jo, Alex and Sandra, thank you for your hard work. The youth members confidence and achievements bode well for the future.

Yours in Scouting

Judy Johnson

Region Leader
Venturer Scouts



Attachment A

Central and Coastal Region

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2015

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 March 2015

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

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 2015	Prev Year End
\$	\$
(14,708.50)	(3,260.68)

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 2015

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 2015 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 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income		
Affiliation Fees	3,405.00	3,290.00
Badge Sales	229.40	231.00
Donations		
- Driver Reviver		3,987.25
- Rotary - Mackay	2,536.15	4,174.50
- Rotary - Mackay North		2,000.00
- -Grants - Mackay Foundation		3,000.00
- -Grants- Macrossan & Amiet Fund		3,698.57
- Rowallan Park Fellowship (driver Reviver	2,524.90	
- Scout Fest Profit	671.74	
	5,732.79	16,860.32
Interest received		
- Westpac. Cheque Account	64.52	36.66
- Training Admin A/c	18.89	45.43
- B.H.Q. Development Fund	47.22	52.52
	130.63	134.61
Rowallan Park Income		
- Camping Other		1,486.00
- General Park Use Camp Eagle	1,337.00	1,446.00
- Lodge Other		11,292.50
- Mountain Bike Club	6,617.85	4,259.70
- -Other Rents Guides Area		500.00
- -Other Rents - Cottage	10,185.94	14,445.38
- Scout Camping		2,569.00
- Scout Lodge		1,167.00
- - Scout use	3,305.00	
- Other Use	5,235.35	
	26,681.14	37,165.58
Sale of S/Hd Ford Tractor	800.00	
Training Administration Income		
- Region Events	1,168.65	2,090.30
- Training	1,761.10	936.75
	2,929.75	3,027.05

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 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Total income	39,908.71	60,708.56
Expenses		
A.G.M Expenses	30.00	30.00
Audit fees	330.00	330.00
Badges	28.50	1,287.75
Depreciation	15,782.00	16,725.00
Postage & stationery	142.29	223.86
Rowallan Park Expenses		
- Electricity & Gas	2,976.55	2,048.53
- Fuel / Oil	2,977.93	1,575.91
- Insurance	10,671.78	9,733.19
- Fire Services - Bldg & Exting's	888.00	
- Repairs Plant	2,361.47	12,635.67
- - Repairs Cottage	2,271.93	2,672.62
- Repairs Buildings	8,605.71	6,189.64
- - Rates	2,149.74	2,167.50
- Telephone	5.71	10.68
- Rubbish Removal	1,842.40	2,026.50
	34,751.22	39,060.24
Website Development	483.00	
Training Admin Expenses		
- Scouts		623.35
- Region Events	1,053.14	563.09
- Training	2,017.06	5,125.95
	3,070.20	6,312.39
Total expenses	54,617.21	63,969.24
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(14,708.50)	(3,260.68)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(14,708.50)	(3,260.68)
Total changes in equity of the association	(14,708.50)	(3,260.68)

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 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Opening retained profits	(239,036.90)	(235,776.22)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(14,708.50)</u>	<u>(3,260.68)</u>
Closing retained profits	<u><u>(253,745.40)</u></u>	<u><u>(239,036.90)</u></u>

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	22,565.95	27,507.77
Training Admin Account	6,198.11	5,429.46
BHQ Development Fund	3,312.54	3,265.32
	<u>32,076.60</u>	<u>36,202.55</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>32,076.60</u>	<u>36,202.55</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	79,421.86	90,458.86
Value of Furniture, Equipment	18,668.41	20,981.41
Value of Plant & equipment	19,318.06	16,550.61
	<u>252,408.33</u>	<u>262,990.88</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>252,408.33</u>	<u>262,990.88</u>
Total Assets	<u>284,484.93</u>	<u>299,193.43</u>
Net Assets	<u>284,484.93</u>	<u>299,193.43</u>
Members' Funds		
Reserves		
General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	(253,745.40)	(239,036.90)
Total Members' Funds	<u>284,484.93</u>	<u>299,193.43</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 2015

2015
\$

2014
\$

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 2015.

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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