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Scouts Australia Queensland Branch Inc.
Central and Coastal Region



Annual Report

2015-16



Agenda for the Annual Report Presentation of the Central and Coastal Region held on Monday, 25th July 2016 at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room commencing at 7.30 pm.

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MINUTES

of the Annual Report Presentation of the Central & Coastal Region
held on Monday 3rd August 2015
at Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens Meeting Room, Lagoon Street, Mackay.

Opening and Welcome

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Chairman of proceedings Bob Hodda who welcomed all in attendance, with special mention of the presence of Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford who represented the Chief Commissioner. Margaret Hodda constituted the meeting with prayer.

Present

Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Region Executive Chairman John Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer Reg Ross, Mayor of Mackay Deirdre Comerford, Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert MP, Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford, Heather Tuckerman, Dennis Tuckerman, Nikki McWhinney, Blanche Sutherland, Greg Sutherland, Lance Hodda, Lynn Hodda, Katrina Hoare, Harry Roestenburg, Alex Cinelli, Brendan Ross, Rowan Cahill, Suzanne Jensen, Mary Wallace, Bob Hodda, Margaret Hodda.

Apologies

Chief Commissioner of Queensland Kirsty Brown, Tim Johnson, Judy Johnson, Ray Braithwaite, Mavis Braithwaite, Brett Tomlinson, Merlene Wilson, Mark Tomlinson, Kelly Tomlinson, Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry MP, Member for Whitsunday Jason Costigan MP, Frank Gilbert, Ian Wallace.

Moved Lance Hodda Seconded Mary Wallace that these apologies be accepted.
Carried.

Minutes of Previous Annual Report Presentation

Copies of the minutes of the previous Annual Report Presentation held on 23rd June 2014 were circulated to the meeting.

Moved Reg Ross Seconded Heather Tuckerman that these minutes be accepted.
Carried.

Business from Minutes – Nil

Correspondence

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

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 in attendance at the meeting. These were as follows –

Executive Chairman's Report

Presented by 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 with the Annual 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 acceptable standard.

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.

Campsite & Community Development Report

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

Membership Support & Development Report

Presented by Assistant Region Commissioner Nikki McWhinney.

Community Relations Report

Presented by Region Leader Mary Wallace.

Greg Sutherland made comment on the interesting reading provided in the Region Newsletters and encouraged Mary to continue producing these newsletters.

Adventurous Activities Report

Presented by Region Leader Brendan Ross.

Venturer Scout Report

Presented by RC Dougal McWhinney on behalf of Region Leader Judy Johnson who was unable to attend.

Rover Scout Report

A verbal report was presented by Rover Scout Alex Cinelli.

On conclusion of presentation of all reports a motion was Moved by Greg Sutherland, Seconded Nikki McWhinney that all reports be accepted and received as presented.

Carried.

Appointment of Region Executive

The Region Commissioner announced the following appointments.

- Chairman – John Taylor
- Secretary – Reg Ross
- Treasurer – Margaret Hodda
- Assist. Treasurer – Lynn Hodda
- Members – RC Dougal McWhinney
- ARC Lance Hodda
- ARC Nikki McWhinney
- Camp Warden Bob Hodda

Appointment of Auditor

Treasurer Reg Ross advised the meeting that Mr Michael Curtin who had carried out the Audit for the Region for the past eleven 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 2015-16. This was passed on a motion put by Reg and seconded by Margaret Hodda and Carried.

General Business

Mayor Deirdre Comerford provided details of funding opportunities available through Mackay Regional Council and encouraged our organisation to take advantage of these opportunities. Special reference was made of the Better Community Building Fund which could assist in the provision of funding for an abseil tower.

Mrs Julieanne Gilbert MP extended congratulations to the Region Executive Committee and members of the Region as a whole for their efforts and also encouraged the Scout Movement to take advantage of funding opportunities available at all levels of government.

Dennis Tuckerman enquired of the progress of the relocation of storage of Scout memorabilia. The matter is currently under review by the Region Executive.

Greg Sutherland advised that two of the Scouts from the group that came to Mackay from Vanuatu eight years ago will be graduating in Brisbane in December as teachers. This comes as a result of their initial exposure to education via their scouting trip. A great result!

Region Commissioner

The Region Commissioner presented certificates to Greg Sutherland and Suzanne Jensen and provided explanation of their significance.

The Region Commissioner advised his approach to Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert has been accepted and consequently she has been appointed Patron of Scouting in Central and Coastal Region.

Guest Speaker

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford spoke on general matters of Scouting and commented on the successful year in this Region.

Meeting Closed

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting which then concluded with prayer.
Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Supper was served.

Executive Committee – Chairman’s Report

Twelve years ago, when I was volunteered for this job, the “much discussed project” of the time was the abseiling tower at Rowallan Park. I am excited that this project is finally coming to fruition. This has been made possible by a very generous grant from the “Better Community Building Fund” set up by the Mackay Regional Council to stimulate the local economy. The receipt of this grant has been due mainly to the perseverance of RC Dougal McWhinney in preparing the submission, drawings and certification necessary to obtain this grant.

Other projects completed this year include the painting of Goodwin Lodge. This was achieved late last year. Labour and material costs were supplied by the Rotary Club of Mackay which continues to generously support Rowallan Park.

Once again, thanks to those dedicated souls who ran the Driver Reviver at Waverley Creek over the Christmas Break. This is a most valuable contribution to our funds.

This report would not be complete without a special mention of Reg Ross, our long-time member of the executive committee. Reg is retiring from the position of Treasurer and Secretary. Thanks Reg for continuing on after your retirement last year and for so many years of dedication and commitment.

My thanks go to the members of our executive committee for their important efforts in sustaining the development and activities of the region. These remarkable members include: Regional Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Bob Hodda (Camp Warden), Margaret Hodda (Treasurer), Nikki McWhinney (ARC), Lyn Hodda (Assistant Treasurer).

Each year we are indebted to all those individuals, local businesses and service clubs who contribute so much to the everyday running of the region and I can’t thank them enough for their support.

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 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.

Youth membership took a bit of a hit in Central and Coastal Region but thankfully we still had a 3% increase for the 2015– 2016 Scouting year. A large part of the drop in growth can be attributed to the downturn in the coal industry of which is the major industry in the region.

Unfortunately adult leadership numbers dropped a little and once again we have lost some good leaders for various reasons (mainly work and lack of training). Training of leaders locally in a timely manner is still an ongoing issue and I am now working closely with the DCC Adults in Scouting to try and improve the situation.

In April I had the pleasure of presenting 6 Wood Badges with two more about a month later. It was great to see so many presented at once and a tribute to the hard work the leaders undertook to complete their training.

The youth and adult membership in the region as at 31 March 2016 was as follows:

- Joey Scouts 112
- Cub Scouts 77
- Scouts 66
- Venturer Scouts 29
- Rover Scouts 11
- Fellowship 12
- Adult Support 28
- Leaders 34
- Region 12

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 Greg Milne
- Pioneer Valley Scout Group – Group Leader Sue Jensen
- Sarina Scout Group – Leader in Charge Rowan Cahill
- Whitsunday Coast Scout Group – Group Leader Kathy Ball
- Rowallan Park Scout Fellowship – Leader in Charge Dougal McWhinney

In August we held our first ScoutCare event which was an all abilities activity. 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 the committee for organising a very successful event.

A big BRAVO also goes to Lance Hodda and his team. Once again they have been working tirelessly at the park completing everything from mowing the grass to finding water leaks. 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. Unfortunately Lance retired from Scouts in November to pursue other personal interests. He will be missed as he was a substantial driving force behind getting the park to the level it is now.

In December we were awarded a grant of \$140,000 from the Mackay Regional Council "Better Community Building Fund" for the construction of a 12m abseil tower at Rowallan Park. This project has been a long time coming construction will start soon thanks to the efforts of various people (Brendan Ross, Rowan Cahill, Bill McWhinney, Wayne Halliwell).

The Region Team currently consists of the following members:

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

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- Dougal McWhinney Region Commissioner
- John Taylor Chairman
- Margaret Hodda Treasurer
- Lyn Hodda Assistant Treasurer
- TBA Secretary
- Bob Hodda Camp Warden
- Nikki McWhinney Assistant Region Commissioner

In May 2016 I believe the Central and Coastal and Capricorn Regions will be combined as both have low group numbers but Capricorn Region also currently does not have an appointed 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

This report begins with positive notes, well planned procedures, some introductory, some ongoing and progressive, some just ongoing such as the mowing of grass, trimming of banks inaccessible to conventional machines.

Workplace health and safety has been met with our Region Commissioner being able to report to the Branch Support Team that we are compliant and well placed to meet legislative requirements.

The Park has been well patronised with many repeat bookings from visitors such as schools and other outside organizations.

The Mackay & District Mountain Bike Club, Camp Eagle (The Mackay High School Chaplaincy Organization) and the cottage rental provides the main source of income whilst the Rotary Club of Mackay in particular provide a substantial contribution to project works both financially and with a labour force. Four other Rotary clubs also contribute in this field of need.

Our machinery is old but has come through the heavy load period of required usage for another year. Major work is required on the Deutz tractor and McLeod slasher. This work will be undertaken with offers of assistance arranged by the members of the Works Team and/or performed by the works team. Most of this work will be done on a voluntary basis.

Major works including exterior painting was performed on the Goodwin Memorial Cottage by the Rotary Club of Mackay including many hours of labour provided by members John Taylor and Mike Wright. The paint and other material were supplied by the Mackay Rotary Club.

Unfortunately, everything gets old and becomes unreliable and this has happened to our water reticulation system, some of which is forty years of age or older. Major water leaks became a major problem with at least one expensive and time consuming repair every month. Plans for the replacement of these pipes were subsequently given a higher priority in the forthcoming financial year.

These plans impede the normal growth of the development plans in accordance with our regular business plans (Scoutplan). Hence some planned improvements become placed upon the back burner to the detriment of the progress of improvement and planned growth.

Pip Paki Paki, who is attached to the Mountain Bike Club and is the owner of the small excavator regularly seen on the property, is a life saver in our maintenance program along with many other workers from the Mountain Bike Club who help us to keep firebreaks clear, tracks clear and assist with general maintenance work very necessary with the property.

Undergrowth of lantana and woody weeds is slowly being and other pests are being tackled with a great deal of success. This achievement is greatly assisted with machinery demolishing the pests and weeds, stockpiling it to dry and then burning off under the supervision of the local Rural Fires warden.

A works team is being recruited for the Park and some of these people are currently undergoing training for the role. It is hoped to have this team fully operational as soon as possible in the new financial year of 2016-17 which commences on 1st April this year.

Our documentation of the plans, procedures and record keeping is now all on computer and supersedes old written records which were sometime vague and difficult to read.

Membership Support and Development Report

The 2015-16 Scouting year was another of swings and roundabouts.

Most of the Groups have had a consistent membership throughout the year with the usual drop off after the Christmas break. And like most Groups in Queensland it seems that new memberships are not an issue but retention is.

Every time we are out and about in the public eye there is a rise in membership which is echoed by a fall in membership. This is not due to the newly signed up members leaving but by longer term members deciding to resign. We can all state that it's due to the economic downturn, people leaving town and commitments to other competing activities - but is it really?

When push comes to shove it's the parents making the decisions about what activities their children undertake and they are the ones that we need to win over. If parents can see that the children are gaining valuable knowledge, skills and experience through Scouting they will find a way to keep their child attending. If they can see that the child is having fun whilst learning they will see the benefits Scouting can bring.

How? 4 Ps. Programming, people, persistence and positivity. Make sure your program is great. Refresh it. Get ideas from your youth members and see how that can tie into the Awards system for your section. Make sure your Leaders know their stuff and can pass enthusiasm onto their youth members. Remember, just because you have your Wood Beads doesn't mean you have nothing more to learn. There's a whole world of Scouting out there – bring some of it back to your Group. And then there's persistence. Persist with the parents. Persist with trying to get people to help. Persist with inviting parents to functions. The more you have the more likely it will be that parents will attend. Just because only a few people turned up last time doesn't mean it will be the same next time. And be positive – would you stay with a Group or Section with a negative vibe?

As ARC Membership Support and Development, I have emailed schools, used Facebook to promote the Groups, attended the Mackay Regional Council Sports & Recreation Expo and the Marian Town Centre Night Markets. I have spoken to parents, potential Leaders and youth members. I have fielded phone calls, emails and promoted Scouting in my working life, social life and through my other volunteer work. I can get them through the door but you have to make them want to stay.

I attended the Foundations of the Future conference in Brisbane in February and I had a chance to speak with other Leaders, Region Commissioners, Group Leaders and Branch staff and I found that in the Central & Coastal Region we do Scouting very well. Many of the ideas put forward at the conference were already in place here. We face many challenges in the Region with regard to training of Leaders and a smaller population base but in many regards we do more with what we have.

I see the future of Scouting in the Region as one of great potential. The merging of the Central & Coastal and Capricorn Regions gives us a wealth of Scouting experience and experiences. Don't forget – today's youth = tomorrow's community leaders.

Yours in Scouting

Nikki McWhinney

Assistant Region Commissioner
Membership Support and Development

Community Relations Report

There were some busy times keeping up with the scouting activities in the Central and Coastal Region for the 2015-2016 Scouting Year.

I attended as many activities as I could, or was invited to, and reported on them to the Daily Mercury/Midweek, Encompass and I compiled four Quarterly Newsletters and also a Special Edition on the Australian Jamboree at Cataract Park in Sydney in January, and the NZ Venture "Inferno" in New Zealand, compiled from contributions sent to me from some of the attendees.

Most news items that I sent to the Daily Mercury were published however it is rather disappointing when they aren't.

There were three Queens Scout Awards presented, Tristan Archibald in May, and Bethany Pinkard and Lisa Connell in December. I did reports for Australian Scout Medallion presentations to Riley Simpson and Jasmin Ney in August, and Angus Nicol, Sean Brears and Nicholas Hazell in December. The Grey Wolf Awards that I reported were Regan Edwards and Oliver Rule from Mackay City Central, and Quinn Vella, Rueben Dale, Cody Hamilton and Ben Fitzpatrick from Banksia Scout Group.

The All Abilities Camp in August was a highlight for many youth members, where children with disabilities joined with the scouts to experience scouting activities. Thank You to Katrina Hoare and her band of workers for a well organised activity.

I was invited to attend the Banksia Den Makeover activities, at which I took photos and sent an item to the Daily Mercury but it wasn't published, however I sent it to Encompass and it was reported in the Central and Coastal Region Newsletter as well.

JOTA and JOTI is always a wonderful activity and thanks to the Mackay Amateur Radio Club for running the JOTA activity, and thanks to a lot of effort from Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Lance Hodda and the Rovers who keep the Computers working for JOTI. A report was sent to Encompass for this activity.

Presentation of Adult Leadership awards were reported on, for the local paper and Encompass. There was no rest on the Christmas holidays for me as I did reports for the Jamboree and NZ Venture pre and post activities for the Daily Mercury and Bowen Independent. There were 33 youth members and 11 adults from C&C Region that attended Jamboree and seven Venturer Scouts and one Rover Scout that attended NZ Venture. Thank you so much for the leaders and youth members who sent me articles to make up the stories.

The 2016 year started with the Founders Day activity at Caneland Park, which is also good publicity for scouting, being seen in public doing activities.

There were two members of scouting from Central and Coastal Region who attended the World Jamboree in Japan last year, Christian Trinder and his mother Joanne. It was an excellent opportunity and experience they will never forget. One of the photographs that Christian sent me was used as the Mast Head of Encompass.

I also compiled a story from information supplied by Dennis Tuckerman, on the trip to Belgium in August 2015 where he and Heather took part in a Scouting Mini Jamboree. It was reported in the Sept 2015 Central and Coastal Region Newsletter and Encompass.

I am so pleased that the older scouts and Venturer Scouts take the time to send me reports for publication, when they attend the special events. They were the only reports of the activity in

Encompass on a couple of occasions in the past year, to which I was very surprised, and so proud of our youth members.

I will continue to do my best to have items reported in the local newspapers, Encompass, and the Region Newsletter.

Mary Wallace

Region Leader
Community Relations



Group Support Report

The last 12 months has been a mixed year for me within my role in Scouting. I have had the pleasure of working with all the groups in the Central and Coastal Region, more specifically the Group Leaders. Unfortunately two Groups (Mackay City Central and Bowen) had GL's resign or transfer out but thankfully both groups have had leaders step up into the roles. Sarina is still looking for a Group Leader having had first Lance Hodda and then myself acting as Leader in Charge for the interim.

There have been two pivotal moments this year in Scouting this year for me. The most amazing was AJ2016. Nowhere else would you pay to work 14 hours a day (I'm not joking) serving out food and supplies for three and a half thousand mouths every day. To see what an experience AJ is primarily for the youth and for the leaders is something that I recommend every leader to try and do at least once in their time in Scouts – it is life changing!

The other moment is the Abseil Tower at Rowallan Park. It was at this meeting 12 months ago when the topic of the current tower first started and once Scouts got the initial approval I was privileged to be given the chance to design the tower. It took many, many nights and countless emails back and forth from Brendan Ross, RC Dougal McWhinney and Bill McWhinney but finally the design was finished and submitted for tender for construction. To have the advice from RC Dougal McWhinney only a couple of weeks ago that the construction phase has finally begun is an amazing feeling and I can't wait to see the tower standing high at the park. My thanks to Brendan Ross for his willingness to listen to my ramblings over the phone about the design, Bill McWhinney for his insight into structural requirements and RC Dougal McWhinney for putting the proposal together which ultimately got us the grant.

However, after the experience of the Australian Jamboree I am finding myself needing a change in direction in my Scouting journey and as such have accepted a promotion to Assistant Scout Leader with Banksia Scout Group, effective as of ScoutFest 2016 (August 2016). I have spent all my time as a leader so far looking after the adults in Scouting and would like to look after the youth for a while. I am proud to have been part of the Central and Coastal Region team and you never know, I may be back one day

Rowan Cahill

Region Leader
Group Support



Adventurous Activities Report

Well once again this year has been fairly busy with a range of opportunities to get out and about, Adventurous and so not Adventurous.

There have been a few opportunities to get out and about on the water including a Level 1 and 2 Kayak Course at Kinchant Dam. And soon after, a Kayak Paddle day at Teemburra, to practice those new skills that were learnt. In November the Sarina Cub Scouts ended up making a last minute call to me to arrange a Cub Paddle out at Rowallan Park during their camp out there, we managed to get all the gear together and had a great morning with them. I was once again given the opportunity to coordinate the powerboats at Central Coastal Venture (CCV), which is the final Region Venturer Activity of the year. Much fun was had on and off the water with Tubing, Skiing, Knee Boarding, Canoeing and Chill out time at Kinchant Dam.

The rest of my time has been spent on Abseiling and Rope Related Activities and this is definitely getting off the ground. This can range from Hill Abseiling (walking backwards down a hill while getting the concepts of abseiling. This was done at ScoutCare, a Region run event for children with disabilities and all had a blast, even our scouts and cubs enjoyed descending down the hill from the Johnson Lodge. We also have the Low Ropes Course and the Rope Bridge at ScoutCare and there were smiles all round. The Low Ropes course and ropes bridge are getting a bit of use as it was asked for by Banksia Scout group for their Open Day on Australia Day this Year, even the not so great weather kept everyone entertained.

It was this very meeting last year that the Abseil Tower was able to be taken off the ideas board and finally put on the table when the then Mayor Cr Deirdre Comerford made us aware of a Grant that was due to close a few weeks later. A few drawing were done up, modified, quotes were sort and now the grant has been awarded to us, let the building begin! There has been a lot of work behind the scenes and late nights for many people to get this up and going and I would like to thank them for all the work they have done to get it this far.

In regards to my Qualifications to run abseiling activities the paperwork is in, after completing an abseil weekend in the Rockhampton area in October with Peter Rasmussen as my assessor. We took a few Venturers to jump off some cliffs while getting signed off as a Guide in Natural Surface Abseiling.

As I try not to limit myself to just the Adventurous Activities, I have been involved in a few other activities in the region to help out, such as the Scout Region camp last year at Rowallan Park and the annual JOTA/JOTI helping in the Electronics and Computer areas, this can entail anything from setting up the computers to helping the kids build electronic kits that they can take home (once we fix them if required).

As a Region we were able to get an Environment Course in Mackay, we were able to reconfirm a few things we knew and also learn some things we were not so aware of including: Finding out that disposable nappies aren't worse than cloth nappies for the environment.

Yours in Scouting

Brendan Ross

Region Leader

Adventurous Activities

Venturer Scout Report

The Venturers in the region have been extremely active and have kept their leaders very busy with badge work, camps and activities. There have been 15 camps, 3 hikes, 1 week long Venture, 6 training courses, 2 Region Activities and several musical performances.

We have presented 4 Queens Scout Awards (Tristan Archibald, Lisa O'Connell, Bethany Pinkard from Banksia Scout Group and Sharnie Higgins from Bowen Scout Group), 5 Venturer Awards as well as numerous other badges to other Venturers. All members are working well and enjoying the challenges that venturing offers.

They have travelled south to Rockhampton for CQ Roventure, north to Townsville for NQ Roventure, and west to the Clark Range for a Hike.

Training has been high on the agenda for the Venturers and their leaders this year, with leader training and specialist adventurous activity training being undertaken by most if not all of the leaders, and specialist adventurous activity training being completed by Venturers to level 1 in Canoeing, even if the weather hasn't cooperated. We hosted a Venturer Leadership course in Calen, and a Unit Management Course in Mackay.

The Annual Venture at Kinchant dam, was the largest held so far with 63, scouts, venturers, rovers 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, Rovers and Adults who assist our venturers allowing them to appreciate all that venturing can offer to our youth members.

Yours in Scouting

Judy Johnson

Region Leader
Venturer Scouts



Central and Coastal Region

Financial Statements

for the year ended

30 April 2016

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Financial Statements
For the Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Committee's Report
For the Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the Period 01 April 2015 to 30 April 2016.

Committee Members

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

John Taylor
 Margaret Hodda
 Lynn Hodda
 Bob Hodda
 Reg Ross
 Dougal McWhinney
 Nikki 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

Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016	Year ended 31 March 2015
\$	\$
(10,953.50)	1,073.50

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

John Taylor

Margaret Hodda

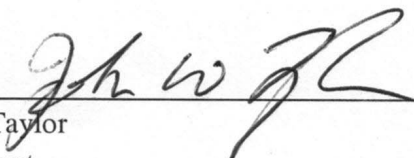
Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Statement by Members of Committee
For the Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016

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.

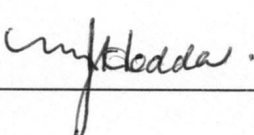
In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region as at 30 April 2016 and its performance for the 13 months 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



Margaret Hodda
Treasurer

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016

	2016 1 April 15 to 30 April 16	2015 1 April 14 to 31 Mar 15
Income		
Affiliation Fees	4,625.00	3,405.00
Badge Sales	825.00	229.40
Donations	3,743.72	5,732.79
Interest received	60.19	130.63
Rowallan Park Income	32,785.30	26,681.14
Sale of S/Hd Ford Tractor		800.00
Training Administration Income	1,125.00	2,929.75
Total income	<u>43,164.21</u>	<u>39,908.71</u>
Expenses		
A.G.M Expenses	217.00	30.00
Audit fees	605.00	330.00
Badges	518.39	28.50
Membership Fees	1,259.00	
Miscellaneous	138.00	
Postage & stationery	128.45	142.29
Rowallan Park Expenses	50,515.70	34,751.22
Website Development	255.00	483.00
Training Expenses	481.17	3,070.20
Total expenses	<u>54,117.71</u>	<u>38,835.21</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(10,953.50)	1,073.50
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(10,953.50)</u>	<u>1,073.50</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(10,953.50)</u>	<u>1,073.50</u>
Opening retained profits	(237,963.40)	(239,036.90)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(10,953.50)	1,073.50
Closing retained profits	<u>(248,916.90)</u>	<u>(237,963.40)</u>

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	30 April 2016	31 March 2015
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	9,267.81	22,565.95
Training Admin Account	7,509.41	6,198.11
BHQ Development Fund	3,345.88	3,312.54
	<u>20,123.10</u>	<u>32,076.60</u>
Receivables		
Sundry Debtors	1,000.00	
	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>21,123.10</u>	<u>32,076.60</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	90,458.86
Value of Furniture, Equipment	20,981.41	20,981.41
Value of Plant & equipment	21,750.06	21,750.06
	<u>268,190.33</u>	<u>268,190.33</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>268,190.33</u>	<u>268,190.33</u>
Total Assets	<u>289,313.43</u>	<u>300,266.93</u>
Net Assets	<u>289,313.43</u>	<u>300,266.93</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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	30 April 2016	31 March 2015
	\$	\$
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Members' Funds		
Reserves		
General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>(248,916.90)</u>	<u>(237,963.40)</u>
Total Members' Funds	<u><u>289,313.43</u></u>	<u><u>300,266.93</u></u>

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30 April 2016
\$

31 March 2015
\$

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.

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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 Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016.

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.

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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 : 31/5/16

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