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Queensland Branch Inc.



# *Central Coast Region*

# Annual Report

2016 - 17



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# Agenda

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The Agenda for the Annual Report Presentation of the Central Coast Region held on Monday, 24th July 2017 at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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# Minutes of the Annual Report Presentation 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## **MINUTES** of the Annual Report Presentation of the Central and Coastal Region

held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room, Lagoon Street, Mackay.

### **Opening and Welcome**

The meeting opened at 7.43pm with prayer led by Rowan Cahill.

Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney welcomed all present and extended thanks to Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch, Kirsty Brown OAM, Branch Commissioner (Training) Bryan Brown and Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert MP for their attendance.

The meeting was chaired by Patron of Central and Coastal Region, Julieanne Gilbert who commenced the meeting by “acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Yuibera people and pay our respects to Elders past and present”.

### **Present**

Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, Executive Chairman John Taylor, Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert MP, Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown OAM, Assistant Region Commissioner Nikki McWhinney, Branch Commissioner Bryan Brown, Group Leader Katrina Hoare, Rover Advisor Harry Roestenburg, Region Leader Brendan Ross, Region Leader Rowan Cahill, Region Leader Mary Wallace, Treasurer Margaret Hodda, Philip Hall - Camp Eagle, Region Leader Judy Johnson, Bec Nicol – All Abilities Mackay.

### **Apologies**

Councillor Greg Williamson - Mayor Mackay Regional Council, Trevor Ruthenberg – General Manager Scouts Queensland, Reg Ross – Retiring Region Treasurer, Lesley Bullemor – Group Leader Bowen Scout Group, Kathy Ball – Group Leader Whitsunday Coast Scout Group, Greg Milne – Group Leader Mackay City Central Scout Group, Robyn Hulbert – Region Commissioner (Acting) Guides Dalrymple Region, Bob Hodda – Camp Warden, Lynn Hodda – Assistant Region Treasurer, Lance Hodda – Rowallan Park Fellowship, Suzanne Jensen – Group Leader Pioneer Valley Scout Group, Mr Ian Wallace.

**Motion:** that the apologies be accepted.

Moved Katrina Hoare      Seconded Brendan Ross

**Carried**

### **Minutes of previous Annual Report Presentation**

Copies of the minutes of the previous Annual Report Presentation held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 were circulated to the meeting.

**Motion:** that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record:

Moved Rowan Cahill

Seconded Harry Roestenburg      **Carried**

### **Business arising from Minutes** – Nil

## **Correspondence**

Outward correspondence – Invitations to Annual Report Presentation.

Inward correspondence – Responses to invitations to Annual Report Presentation.

## **Reports**

Chair of proceedings and Patron Julieanne Gilbert noted that all relevant reports are presented within the official Annual Report document.

Some presenters addressed the meeting highlighting certain aspects of their report.

### **Executive Chairman's Report**

Presented by John Taylor.

John related to some of the projects undertaken by the Executive Committee along with the close association which still exists between the Scouts and the local Rotary Clubs. This connection has served us well for many years dating back to mid to late 1920's.

### **Treasurers Report**

Presented by Margaret Hodda.

On behalf of the committee Margaret acknowledged the efforts of Reg Ross who has worked tirelessly to perform his duty as Treasurer as well as acting Secretary of the Region Executive. A job very well done and his will be big shoes to fill. Reg is currently at Ayres Rock enjoying a well deserved break.

Points noted in the report:

- This financial year runs for 13 months instead of the usual 12 months which is due to the amalgamation of the Central and Coastal Region and the Capricorn Region effective 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.
- The insurance amount paid is much higher than usual due to two bills being received in the 13 months period instead of only one in the normal 12 month period.
- Supply of gas to Rowallan Park was provided at no cost for some time. A new company has taken over and we are now billed but do receive a discount which is appreciated.
- Repairs to buildings costs were mostly generated by broken pipes causing leaks in the water supply.
- Income from use of Rowallan Park is quite stable.

### **Region Commissioners Report**

Presented by Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney.

Points noted in the report:

- Membership was affected by the downturn in the coal industry but the Region still had a 3% increase for the 2015-2016 Scouting year.
- Six Wood Badges were presented to Leaders in April with two more a month later.
- The first ScoutCare event which was an all abilities activity was attended by over 100 youth members. BRAVO to Katrina Hoare and her committee for organising this event.

- The awarding of a grant for \$140,000 from the Mackay Regional Council “Better Community Building Fund” for the construction of a 12m abseil tower at Rowallan Park.
- The recent amalgamation of the Central and Coastal and Capricorn Regions.

Dougal expressed his thanks to Lance Hodda and team for their untiring efforts in progressing Rowallan Park to the level it is now. To the local Rotary Clubs and community organisations for their continued support and to all members of Scouting regardless of their role, for their continued support, passion and enthusiasm for Scouting.

Following the presentation of reports Patron Julieanne Gilbert commented on the activities of the Region which she considered to have been fantastic and the organisation has been amazing. Everything appears to run like clockwork and the standard is truly great.

**Motion:** that the reports as presented be adopted.

Moved Mary Wallace

Seconded Judy Johnson

**Carried**

### **Appointment of Region Executive**

The Region Commissioner announced the following appointments for the ensuing year.

John Taylor - Chairman

Position vacant - Secretary

Margaret Hodda - Treasurer

Lynn Hodda – Assistant Treasurer

Dougal McWhinney – Region Commissioner

Nikki McWhinney – Assistant Region Commissioner Group Support (North)

Dwayne Kersey – Assistant Region Commissioner Group Support (Central)

Jason Hazell – Assistant Region Commissioner Campsites

Stephen Kydd – Assistant Region Commissioner Campsites

### **Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion:** that Mr Michael Curtin be appointed as the Region Auditor for year 2016 – 2017.

Moved Margaret Hodda Seconded Katrina Hoare

**Carried**

### **Region Procedures**

**Motion:** that The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. Region Procedures document be adopted.

Moved Dougal McWhinney

Seconded Margaret Hodda

**Carried**

### **General Business**

There were no items of General Business relative to the Annual Report Presentation.



### **Address by Kirsty M Brown (OAM) Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland**

Kirsty spoke of her last months as the Chief that will end on 31 October 2016. However, she will be acting in the capacity of Chief Commissioner until 14 November 2016. Darryl Scott is the Chief Commissioner elect.

In her 4.5 years as Chief Commissioner she has helped develop a new vision for Queensland Branch. With youth membership currently sitting at about 10,000 it is now the focus to retain the members. Loss of members and retention is an issue across the State. Rovers seem to be hard hit with the loss even felt in Brisbane. There is a World Scouting goal of 100 million members by 2020.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has had six claims investigated that occurred between 1969 and 1989. These have been referred to the Government Redress Scheme. This is a reminder that these things do not go away just because they happened in the past.

The Youth Program Review has stalled while they work with the governors to work through the Promise and Law. There will be two variations – one old and one new.

Both the Australian Jamboree and World Jamboree attracted many youth members and it is heartening to see that Scouting is still relevant to so many.

The Foundations of the Future workshops were extremely worthwhile and feedback suggests it was long overdue. It was a great weekend.

The merger of the Central and Coastal Region with Capricorn Region needs the support of both the old parts to come together to form a new Region. Kirsty expressed her faith in Dougal's ability to lead the new Region to a fruitful future.

General Manager Trevor Ruthenberg is currently working with Scouts Queensland to ensure compliance with all forms of legislation. This cannot be pushed under the carpet and it is imperative that we work together to ensure we are fully compliant in all areas.

The abseil tower is a wonderful addition to the Region and Kirsty was glad it was going ahead. The Region is doing well with lots of youth attending Scouts and receiving high level awards.

The Chief Commissioner together with the Region Commissioner presented Rowan Cahill with his 5 Year Service Award and Margaret Hodda with her 55 Year Service Award.

### **Meeting Closed**

Chair of proceedings Patron Julieanne thanked Kirsty for her informative address. She thanked all for attending the meeting which then concluded with prayer led by Rowan Cahill.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm followed by a light supper.

## Reports

### Region Commissioner

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Well, we have come to the end of the first year of the new region and Groups in the region report they have had another great year of Scouting, with many fun and enjoyable activities.

In May 2016, the Central and Coastal Region and Capricorn Regions were merged to become one region. Competitions were held to both name the region and design a new badge for the region. The name for the combined was decided on "Central Coast Region" and the new badge design is on the front of the region report. The new combined region covers groups from Bowen in the north, to Gladstone in the south and west to Biloela.

During the year Promise Challenge Awards (Joey Scouts), Grey Wolf awards (Cub Scouts), Australian Scout Medallions (Scouts) and Queen Scout Awards (Venturer Scouts) were 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 Coast Region experienced a 4.6% increase for the 2015 – 2016 Scouting year. The northern region (Bowen to Mackay) experienced a 1.0% increase in youth numbers. The central region (Rockhampton-Yeppoon-Gracemere-Biloela) experience a 9.9% increase in youth numbers and the southern region (Gladstone-Calliope-Boyne Tannum) experienced a 2.8% increase in youth numbers.

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.

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

- Joey Scouts 55
- Cub Scouts 227
- Scouts 218
- Venturer Scouts 67
- Rover Scouts 22
- Fellowship 29
- Adult Support 52
- Leaders 105
- Region 10

Current Scout Groups within the Region:

#### **Northern Area**

- Banksia Scout Group ..... Group Leader Katrina Hoare
- Bowen Scout Group ..... Group Leader Lesley Bullemor
- Mackay City Central Scout Group ..... Group Leader Greg Milne
- Pioneer Valley Scout Group ..... Group Leader Sue Jensen
- Sarina Scout Group ..... Leader in Charge Nikki McWhinney
- Whitsunday Coast Scout Group ..... CLOSED 31 March 2017

# Reports

## Region Commissioner

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### Central Area

- Biloela Scout Group ..... Group Leader Geoff Price
- Gracemere Scout Group ..... Group Leader Scott Neill
- Mount Archer Scout Group ..... Group Leader Fiona Marshall
- Warripari Scout Group ..... Group Leader Gary Murray
- Yeppoon Scout Group ..... Group Leader Kaylene Williams

### Southern Area

- Boyne Tannum Scout Group ..... Group Leader Mark Hodge
- Calliope Scout Group ..... Group Leader Jeff Wilkinson
- Dolphin Sea Scout Group ..... Group Leader Quentin Redshaw
- Kareeba Scout Group ..... Group Leader Peter Vaissiere
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In August we held another 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 (ScoutFest Committee Chairperson) and her committee for organising a very successful event.

The Region Team currently consists of the following members:

- Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support) – *Nikki McWhinney*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support) – *Dwayne Kersey*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites) – *Jason Hazell*
- Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites) – *Stephen Kydd*
- Region Leader (Community Relations) – *Mary Wallace*
- Region Leader (Venturer Scouts) – *Judy Johnson*
- Region Leader (Scouts) – *Sandra Brown*
- Region Leader (Adventurous Activities) – *Brendan Ross*
- Region Leader – *Margaret Wilson*
- Region Leader – *Peter Wilson*

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- Dougal McWhinney .....Region Commissioner
- John Taylor .....Chairman
- Margaret Hodda .....Treasurer
- Lynn Hodda.....Assistant Treasurer
- TBA.....Secretary
- Bob Hodda .....Camp Warden
- Nikki McWhinney .....Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support)
- Dwayne Kersey .....Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support)
- Jason Hazell.....Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites)
- Stephen Kydd.....Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites)



## Reports

### Region Commissioner

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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 Coast Region)

#### ROWALLAN PARK CAMPSITE AND ACTIVITY CENTRE REPORT

Big first year for myself in the role of ARC Campsites (North). It's been an interesting transition from Scout Leader to Leader of Adults and I'm finding there's not much difference between adults and the Scouts. 😊

Rowallan Park has gone ahead in leaps and bounds with new constructions of mountain bikers shed, abseiling tower, workshop (in initial stages) and road repairs all thanks to grants from Gambling, Regional Council and Sports. All up Grants are approx. \$240,000.00 and hopefully more to come. Bunnings also donated 15 folding tables and Coates donated 50+ plastic chairs.

Asbestos has also been inspected and signed off thanks to Bob Hodda racing around a couple of hours before inspection to finish it off.

The Works Team has now been merged with the Fellowship and numbers for both have increased from about 15 to almost 30. Aging from 16 to I won't say 😊. We have seven members who are always out there doing maintenance, mowing and whatever else needs doing. The rest are helping behind the scenes as well as working with the Mountain Bike Club.

Water problems underground and from the sky were and is still are an issue and will probably be on going. Every time we replace or repair, up pops another leak and the water table in the Park is maxed as the road into the Park was not usable from springs and the Park was closed a lot over the wet season. We are automating the pump system and hopefully that will make it easier. From this I ended up meeting the owners of the road, Brian and Thelma Shields and we are now on a good path.

Origin Energy has installed a 5KW to the grid system on the activity shed and electricity used will be charged at a lower rate. We will approach them again to install on the workshop shed.

Rowallan Park had it fees increased for the first time in five years. This has applied to everyone, MAD Mountain Bikers, Camp Eagle, all the Scout groups and the public. Feedback from increases has been positive with only a few complaints.

There have been a few events held at the Park from Scouting, All Disability, Cutters pre-season training camp and Obstacle Hell course. They are all rebooking again for next year. Schools, Army and Navy cadets have been using the area for training and navigation.

I would like to thank everyone on the Executive and the Fellowship for their patience in my transition to this role. I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into but everyone has been helpful.

Yours in Scouting

*Jason Hazell*

Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites North)

#### **SEONEE PARK**

For this year, Seeonee Park was used for 159 days out of the 365 days available. A large majority of these days were more than one user. The Park has been used by many organisations including CQ Laser Skirmish, Rockhampton Trials, Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club, CQ 4 WD Club, Bahais of Rockhampton, University of Queensland (Geology), 4WD Training Companies and Scout groups.

The majority of bookings are between March and September. This is mainly due to weather conditions. The Scout Groups are the minority of users of Seeonee Park, as there are groups who use other facilities to camp rather than supporting Seeonee. While this is not a problem, do these other facilities meet QBSI (Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions) and Policy and Rules requirements.

A Scout Plan has been developed with a large number of projects being developed. These include Kitchen upgrades to both Camp Petrel and Brown Hut, Ceiling in Dorms, Activity Areas, Obstacle Course, upgrade of Showers and Toilets - Brown Hut, Go Kart track etc. All these projects will take time and funds.

Looking forward to the next year.

#### **AWOONGA DAM**

Jeff Wilkinson and his team have been working hard to maintain the campsite. Local Scout Groups are using the site on a regular basis, however due to lease conditions, we are restricted on who can hire the campgrounds.

Work is being planned around repairing Ikki Hut and the other buildings. A builder has advised the committee of what work is required and a Scout Plan is being developed.

Yours in Scouting

*Stephen Kydd*

Assistant Region Commissioner (Campsites South)

Another Scouting year has come and gone with most Groups facing the same challenges - member retention.

Again, most Groups have had consistent membership throughout the year with some Groups forging ahead into amazing youth member numbers. But it's still about retaining these youth. It's not something that is unique to the Region. It's an Australia wide conundrum. And I still firmly believe our focus needs to be on the parents. Give the parents the feeling that Scouting is an invaluable experience for their child and they will stay. Get the parents involved and they will stay. Never give up.

Sadly, we will be losing one of our Scout Groups. Whitsunday Coast Scout Group has all but folded due to lack of Leaders and youth members. Kathy Ball has done what she can with a dwindling support base and membership. The building will be handed back to the Whitsunday Regional Council in the coming months.

We also need to be more visible in the community. Every year at the ANZAC Day parade in Mackay I hear voices on the side of the road say "Wow, Scouts! I didn't know they still existed". It is imperative that we are out in the community as much as possible to show that as Scouts we are here and we are relevant.

I attended the Mackay Regional Council Sports & Recreation Expo again in February and it was a definite benefit to Scouting in the area. Although it seemed numbers were down this year I still believe it is a wonderful avenue to promote Scouting to the Community.

I am available to assist Group Leaders with promoting their Groups. I can promote via Facebook and School newsletters and if there's an event in your community area that you would like to have someone doing membership promotion I can assist with that too.

I look forward to a positive and healthy Scouting year with growth and fun.

Yours in Scouting

*Nikki McWhinney*

Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support North)

In reviewing the events of the last Scout Year the key points include:

- Caving has been a major focus for myself providing opportunities to local and other groups in Queensland for all sections from Joey Scouts to Rovers. Expeditions for QV (Queensland Venture) were organised and another for AV2018 are in planning. To support this, Branch Adventurous Activities and AV (Australian Venture) have provided myself the opportunity to RPL my Caving skills to Assessor Level in Caving. I am not looking at organising training sessions for youth and adults in Level 1 & 2 Caving.
- I have also completed my Basic Leader of Adults training and completed the course work for my Advanced Leader of Adults with just the project to finalise.
- A large number of other Leaders in the area have achieved their Basic and Advanced Leader of Adults in relevant areas.
- There have been a number of combined Group, Area and Region Activities from Joey Scout Jaunts, Scout Totems and JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) and JOTI (Jamboree On The Internet).
- Biloela Scout Group has reformed and is well supported, very active and working hard to bring their facilities and assets back to a high standard. This group have a lot of energy and support from the local community
- Area Group Leader Meetings and Leader Meetings continue to be infrequent. This is due to support and availability of the ARC Group Support and Group Leaders and Leaders. This will continue to be an area for further improvement in 2017-2018.
- Still need to find an ARC Group Support South to help in the Southern Area
- With Caving activities continuing to increase in the Rockhampton area I am finding it hard to manage both the ARC Group Support Role and the adventurous activities role

Key area activities include:

- Totem (the Central and Southern Area Scout Standards Camp) held at Seeonee Park
- Fitzroy Rovers Caving in May
- Banksia Scouts Caving in May
- Warripari Cub Scouts Caving in May
- Wood Badge Presentation for a number of Leaders in area at Calliope
- June saw QV2016 held at Seeonee Park which included Venturers from all over Queensland attend and complete a number of expeditions around the area including a Caving Expedition
- Dan Boyd (Warripari Venturer Scout) presented with his Queen Scout Award in July
- Joey Scouts held an Area Camp – “Joey’s in the Jungle” in August
- Yeppoon Scout Patrol Activity of Caving in August
- Jim Wilson’s Wood Badge presentation
- Algester Venturer’s Caving trip in September
- Warripari Adventurer Level hike which included part of Limestone Ridge and an overnight stay in a cave
- CQ Health 2017 Sports and Health Expo – provided opportunity for Scouts to promote themselves in the Rockhampton Area
- Completion of Leader of Adults Basic Training and Advanced Training Courses (awaiting finalisation of project)
- Participation in RPL weekend for Assessor Level in Caving
- Central and Southern Areas have combined JOTA/JOTI Camps in each area
- Running of a 5 day advanced Caving trip for 4 Venturers from across Central and Northern Queensland
- Planning underway for an Australian Venture Caving Expedition for early 2018



## Reports

### **Assistant Region Commissioner - *Group Support (South)***

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- Another Leaders Weekend – FERAL held at Seeonee Park which included a visit from the Chief Commissioner of Queensland which was well received
- There has been a number of Group Leader Meetings in the Central Area as well as Leader Meetings. These were slow to start, gained some momentum but have quietened off again.

Yours in Scouting

*Dwayne Kersey*

Assistant Region Commissioner (Group Support Central and South)

## Reports

### Region Leader - *Community Relations*

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

The Central Coast Region Quarterly Newsletter is still being published. The Northern Zone of the Region contributes regularly along with a couple of Groups in the Central and Southern Zones as well.

I send monthly reports to Encompass and now the new Qld Scout Newsletter "Scout's Life."

For the Northern Zone, I was approached last year in July to write a weekly column for Scouting for the Mackay Midweek, the free newspaper. I was able to get a constant supply of items to write or to edit to keep it going until February this year. It is now much harder to get leaders to supply stories as they are leading such busy lifestyles in providing quality programs for their youth members.

Thank You, to the regular contributors as I rely on your contributions to carry out my role in scouting, which in turn is good publicity for scouting.

Yours in Scouting

*Mary Wallace*

Region Leader (Community Relations)

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

In my role of Adventurous Activities I have the opportunity to work with abseiling, rope and water related activities and other activities that fit under that line you find in all your employment contracts “any other Duties or Activities”.

On the rope related side of things I travelled to Bundaberg to be assessed to run the abseil tower down there so I can be accredited to run the abseil tower here in Mackay. As a team we assisted Scoutfest 2016 in the running of the temporary 8.5m abseil tower that was constructed for the event by MI Scaffold. We also had the Rope bridge, Low Ropes and Hill Abseiling for the younger participants.

We also saw the start of the abseil tower construction with the turning of the first sod by Mayor Greg Williamson. This has been made possible by a Mackay Regional Council Grant.

We have also been able to get a Level 1 Canoe Course here in Mackay to skill up some of our youth and Leaders in the area. I also assisted in the running of Central Coast Venture at Kinchant Dam for the Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts in November. We had canoes and kayaks and also powerboats for tubing, which saw everyone having fun for the whole weekend.

And as I mentioned the “Other” duties, there are times when we just need everyone helping out. I have assisted at JOTA/JOTI with the computers and electronics which I have helped with for many years.

The Region had a PLA (Personal Leader Advisor Course) at Rowallan Park. This will allow us to assist and guide any new leaders through their training for a great program.

So here is to another great year getting out and about.

Yours in Scouting

*Brendan Ross*

Region Leader (Adventurous Activities)

Central Coast Region

# Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 March 2017

**Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast  
Region**

Financial Statements  
For the period from 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017

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# Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

## Committee's Report

For the period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017

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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region for the Period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017.

### Committee Members

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

John Taylor  
 Margaret Hodda  
 Lynn Hodda  
 Bob Hodda  
 Dougal McWhinney  
 Nikki McWhinney  
 Dwayne Kersey  
 Stephen Kydd  
 Jason Hazell

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Scout Association.

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017	Period 1 April 2015 to 30 April 2016
\$	\$
31,803.93	(10,953.50)

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

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John Taylor

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Margaret Hodda

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## **Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region**

### **Statement by Members of Committee**

**For the period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017**

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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region as at 31 March 2017 and its performance for the period ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

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John Taylor  
President

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Margaret Hodda  
Treasurer

# Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Affiliation Fees	1,750.50	4,625.00
Badge Sales	762.40	825.00
Donations / Fundraising	1,964.40	3,743.72
Region Activities	1,235.20	
Sundry Income	291.82	
Training Income	1,654.79	
<b>Interest received</b>		
- Interest received		19.72
- Rowallan Park Account	17.50	
- General A/c	4.54	7.13
- B.H.Q. Development Fund	35.21	33.34
- Seeonee Park Account	10.42	
- Debit Card Account	0.30	
- Lake Awoonga Account	0.87	
	68.84	60.19
<b>Rowallan Park Income</b>		
- Absailing Income	500.00	
- Cottage Rental	12,204.79	12,472.50
- Donations received	1,688.63	
- General Park Use Camp Eagle	579.00	1,170.00
- Mountain Bike Club	6,227.20	6,523.10
- Other Rents / Camp Site Fees	9,008.50	9,908.70
- Scout use	3,982.00	2,711.00
	34,190.12	32,785.30
<b>Seeonee Park Income</b>		
- Camping Fees	22,621.27	
- Caving	2,450.40	
- Training	306.00	
	25,377.67	
<b>Lake Awoonga Income</b>		
- Camping Fees	2,307.17	
	2,307.17	
<b>Training Administration Income</b>		
- Jota / Joti		1,070.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
- Training		55.00
		1,125.00
Transfers In - Capricorn Region	6,000.00	
Total income	75,602.91	43,164.21
<b>Expenses</b>		
A.R.P Expenses	40.00	217.00
Audit fees	330.00	605.00
Badges	1,321.10	518.39
Donations / Fundraising	3,078.25	
Membership Fees	336.00	1,259.00
Miscellaneous	1,825.53	138.00
Postage & stationery	233.65	128.45
<b>Rowallan Park Expenses</b>		
- Electricity	2,479.93	2,437.44
- Fuel / Oil	1,704.67	2,979.44
- Gas	1,607.90	1,605.00
- Insurance		25,034.70
- Fire Services - Bldg & Exting's		1,374.10
- Repairs Plant	2,565.74	2,365.04
- Repairs Buildings	5,419.64	9,510.75
- Repairs - General	1,729.66	779.13
- Rates		2,169.60
- Rubbish Removal	2,237.57	2,260.50
	17,745.11	50,515.70
<b>Seeonee Park Expenses</b>		
- Catering	4,275.32	
- Caving	627.00	
- Electricity	3,953.10	
- Gas	160.00	
- Interest on Loan	2,593.90	
- Registration	117.40	
- Repairs & Maintenance	466.30	
- Council Rates	497.83	
- Waste Removal	1,548.80	
- Telephone	389.58	

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
	14,629.23	
<b>Lake Awoonga Expenses</b>		
- Gas	121.51	
	121.51	
Website Development	228.00	255.00
<b>Training Expenses</b>		
- Training Expenses	2,166.73	(548.51)
- Founders Day		130.50
- Jota/Joti		899.18
- Region Events	1,321.45	
- Sundries	422.42	
	3,910.60	481.17
Total expenses	43,798.98	54,117.71
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>31,803.93</b>	<b>(10,953.50)</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>31,803.93</b>	<b>(10,953.50)</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>31,803.93</b>	<b>(10,953.50)</b>
Opening retained profits	(248,916.90)	(237,963.40)
Net profit attributable to the association	31,803.93	(10,953.50)
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>(217,112.97)</b>	<b>(248,916.90)</b>

**Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Rowallan Park Account	21,966.96	9,267.81
General Account	3,756.59	7,509.41
BHQ Development Fund	3,381.09	3,345.88
Seeonee Park Account	12,202.17	
Debit Card Account	500.14	
Lake Awoonga Account	2,186.53	
	<u>43,993.48</u>	<u>20,123.10</u>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Sundry Debtors		1,000.00
		<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u><b>43,993.48</b></u>	<u><b>21,123.10</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	113,382.78	90,458.86
Value of Furniture, Equipment	20,981.41	20,981.41
Value of Plant & equipment	26,126.92	21,750.06
	<u>295,491.11</u>	<u>268,190.33</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u><b>295,491.11</b></u>	<u><b>268,190.33</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>339,484.59</b></u>	<u><b>289,313.43</b></u>



# Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

## Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
- Loan - Seonee Park Camp	18,367.23	
	<u>18,367.23</u>	
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<u><b>18,367.23</b></u>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>18,367.23</b></u>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><b>321,117.36</b></u>	<u><b>289,313.43</b></u>

## Members' Funds

### Reserves

General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>(217,112.97)</u>	<u>(248,916.90)</u>
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<u><b>321,117.36</b></u>	<u><b>289,313.43</b></u>

**Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2017**

2017	2016
\$	\$

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**Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031:      Materiality

No other Australian Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.



## **Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast Region**

### **Auditor's Report**

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#### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast 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 period ended 31 March 2017.

#### **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 - QLD Branch Central Coast Region

### Auditor's Report

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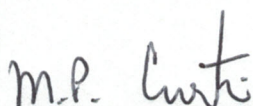
#### Qualification

As is common of organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Scout Association of Australia - QLD Branch Central Coast 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 - QLD Branch Central Coast Region has bookkeeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Signed on :



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Michael P Curtin, BBus. CPA





