



① *Dates to Remember*

15th September District Church Parade  
19th & 20th October JOTI & JOTA

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*A word (or two) from the District*

*Commissioner.....*

Members of the team have been busy and some exciting happenings are in the pipeline. Dave Brown has interesting information concerning **Bunnings** and will compile the details to hand and distribute to Team Leaders in the near future.

The **abseil tower** and **obstacle course** were discussed at the August District Team Meeting. Considerable progress has been made in regards to these projects and a meeting is scheduled for 10.00am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002 at Rowallan Park to put a plan into place to commence some action. Dave Brown has several resource personnel lined up to provide their expertise and Ray Jones has some qualifications that will be of benefit also. We ask that anyone who is interested in these projects to please come along and offer support with ideas, expertise or manual assistance.

Don't forget the **District Church Parade** commencing 9.00am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2002 at the Presbyterian Church, Beach Road, Sarina. We will assemble in full uniform at 8.45am outside the church. Please bring some money for the offering.

Margaret Barber and Ray Jones have been busy with arrangements for **JOTA/JOTI** coming up on

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002. You will hear from them in their contribution to this Newsletter.

District Badge Secretary Tracey Auld has found it necessary to change **Badge Shop Day** from Wednesday to Tuesday commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September 2002. Trading hours remain the same - 11.00am to 1.30pm. This has been brought about by family commitments and Tracey regrets any inconvenience caused by the change.

A **Wood Badge 1 Training Course** is scheduled from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2002 at Rowallan Park. All Leaders eligible to attend this course are reminded that applications **must** reach BHQ no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

We will soon be seeing a number of Leaders wearing **grey shoulder flashes**. No we have not commenced a new section. Grey flashes will be worn by all Leaders from time of investiture to completion of Skills Training at which time they will change to role specific shoulder flashes when issued with the Certificate of Appointment. Please refer to your Team Leader for information regarding changes to Leader Induction policy released by the Chief Commissioner this week.

A thought to leave with you until next time .....  
**"Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination."**

Good Scouting

Margaret Hodda  
District Commissioner



## *Congratulations*

### *Queens Scout Award*

Renee Patterson of Moranbah was presented with her *Queens Scout Award* at a Special presentation at the East Mackay Scout Den on 10th April 2002.

Renee first joined the Moranbah Scout Group in April 1992 then transferred to East Mackay Scout Group in March 1998 when she came to Mackay to enrol at Whitsunday Anglican College. In February 2000 she became a Venturer Scout at Banksia Venturer Unit.

To be awarded the *Queens Scout Award*, you must be a Venturer Scout and complete the requirements in the following four award areas: *Community Involvement Award, Adventurous Activities Award, Personal Growth Award, and Leaders Development Award* and be recommended by, unit, district, branch and chief commissioners.

In total the awards amount to at least 265 hours of volunteer time for activities including first aid, expeditions, unit management, leadership and service.

Renee said she enjoyed doing all of the activities and was ecstatic to receive the award.

Assistant Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Vince Corbin presented Renee with her *Queens Scout* badge.

Renee's parents Ian and Nita Patterson and brother Sean travelled from Moranbah for the occasion, which was attended by fellow Scouts and Venturers.

Renee was presented with the *Queens Scout Award* certificate on Sunday 14th April, 2002 from the Chief Scout of Queensland Peter Arnison at State Government House in Brisbane.

Well done Renee!

## *Congratulations & Thank You To The Following*

### **Wood Badge Presentations**

Lloyd Brown, Scout Section, Moranbah  
Lance Hodda, Leader of Adults, Sarina  
Tim Johnson, Leader of Adults, Sarina  
Rob Bowers, Leader of Adults, Mackay District  
Mary Wallace, Leader of Adults, Mky District.

### **Service Awards**

Michelle Reynolds, ASM Sarina, 5 years  
Allan Salty, ASL 3rd Mackay, 5 years  
Jolyon Forsyth, ASM, Mky District, 5 years  
Ian Hamilton, ASM, Mky District, 10 years  
Ian Hope, ASM, Mky District, 10 years  
Trevor Hodda, ASM, Mky District 10 years  
Gary Keeton, VSL Banksia Group, 10 years  
Mary Wallace, DL Mky District, 20 years

### **Welcome to new leaders to Region, District, & Groups**

Pastor Don Gray, Regional Chaplain, Don replaced Rev Derek Lawton who left the Region to live in Maryborough.

Margaret Barber, to District Team  
Ray Jones, to District/Region Team  
Janelle Wade, ASM NU 3rd Mky Vice-Chairperson  
Philip Hickman, ASM NU, Moranbah, Chairperson  
Peter Schultz, ASL Sarina Group.

### **Farewell**

With great regret, District Team Member, Shane Rutherford left Mackay District to work in Gladstone. Shane has contributed 10+ years to Scouting, 8 years as Scout Leader, Bucasia Group and 2 years, District Leader Water Activities. Shane briefly visited Cub Scout Rally to say Goodbye as it all happened in a hurry.



## *Mackay District Cub Scout Rally*

*The Annual Mackay District Cub Scout Rally was held recently at Rowallan Park. The theme of this year's rally was "The Outback"*

*The main aim of the Cub Scout Rally was to have fun and to mix with Cub Scouts from other groups and districts.*

*In Keeping with "The Outback" theme, some of the bases at this year's rally was, Buck Jumping & Lassoing, Rodeo Clowns-Face Painting, River Regatta-Canoeing, Cattle Dipping-Wet sponge throwing, Black Stump-Craft, Bush tucker-cooking twisties, Gum boot throwing and Sack races. To finish the rally everyone was invited to attempt Line Dancing.*

*The Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Mr Bob Hodda and Assistant Regional Commissioner Mr Vince Corbin attended the rally.*

*Approximately 110 youth members from the Mackay District Cub Scout Packs and Joey Scout Mobs, as well as members from Bowen, Whitsunday, Proserpine, and Clermont Groups, attended.*

*For the first time Cub Scout Packs from Mackay as well as visiting packs stayed overnight at Rowallan Park after the rally. An enjoyable campfire on Saturday night and a short hike and Scouts Own on Sunday morning completed the activities for the weekend.*

*Rob Bowers  
District Adviser*



*Roberta Who!!! We don't recruit 'em like that these days!*

## *2002 District Scout Camp Report*

*On Saturday morning, 10th August, six patrols from five Scout groups from Mackay District descended on Rowallan Park for the Annual District Scout Competition Camp lead by Mr Allan Salty Assistant Scout leader of 3rd Mackay Scout Group. The Patrol Leaders were briefed on the weekend's programme and the standards expected for their campsite, hygiene and first aid. This was followed by opening parade to welcome everyone.*

*Saturday was mainly taken up with the construction of a Heavyweight Campsite complete with dinning fly, sleeping tents, and camp gadgets. The scout patrols were awarded points for their camp layout, cooking, gadgets, hygiene and participation in activities.*

*The Leaders were treated to an evening meal cooked by the Scouts, who showed some great culinary skills. This was followed by a night wide game against the Venturer Scouts.*

*Early Sunday morning, the Scouts were once again busily preparing to treat the Leaders to a delicious breakfast. Following this was a Scouts Own at Rowallan Park Chapel with all patrols participating. The patrols then rotated around a series of activities based on an Outback theme – bush first aid, making bush gadgets and musical instruments. Meanwhile District Adviser Rob Bowers and Scout Leader Mal Treloar assessed each patrol's campsite.*

*The campsite was dismantled after lunch Sunday. On closing parade District Commissioner Mrs Margaret Hodda presented the award certificates to the Scouts and the shield for the overall winner Panther Patrol from 3rd Mackay Scout Group. The Scouts went home very tired but happy, after a successful and busy weekend.*

*Allan Salty ASL 3rd Mackay  
LIC for District Scout Camp*

## *Jota/Joti*

### **JOTA / JOTI 19TH & 20TH OCTOBER 2002**

*Jamboree on the air Jamboree on the internet  
2002 Year of the Outback.*

*See how many scouts of the outback we can  
contact.*

*This year we are going to Sarina for the district  
JOTA / JOTI.*

*Sarina scout hall backs on to the high school and  
is across the track to the Sarina SES unit.*

*We will be accessing both of these facilities, the  
school for the use of a computer room with 25  
computers as well as the SES unit for radio uses.*

*JOTA /JOTI will be commencing with opening  
parade at 12 midday on Saturday 19 October and  
closing parade will be at 12 midday Sunday 20  
October.*

*The weekend will be catered for, so we are looking  
for volunteers to help with shopping catering and  
kitchen duties.*

*Cost will be approximately \$20.00 for the weekend  
this includes food, activities and JOTA badges.*

*The price for afternoon visitors will be \$5.00 for  
afternoon tea and Jota badges.*

*Campsites will be arranged around the scout Hall  
Can the groups and sections coming please supply  
approximate numbers as soon as possible to us by  
the following means.*

*Phone (h) 49 548845 (anws machine)*

*Email [rahnandrikki@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rahnandrikki@ozemail.com.au)*

*Yours in scouting  
Marg Barber (Rik)  
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### *Interesting Websites*

*After Scouting history, visit*

*<http://www.pinetreeweb.com/B-P.htm>.*

*<http://users.aol.com/randywoo/bsahis/index.htm>*

*Sick of the same old skits at campfire, visit*

*<http://www.macscouter.com/Skits/BBSkits.pdf>*

*P&R visit the Australia Scout Site and it is up  
front to log on to.*

## *I heard on the Grapevine*

*3rd Mackay Group had a bus load of German  
Scouts on an Australia Tour, camp at their Scout  
Den for three nights. (A Singing Troop) They  
visited Cape Hillsborough and Eungella whilst in  
the district.*

*3rd Mackay Sleepover- The Cub Scouts had a  
sleepover this weekend, Mateship Theme.*

*Sarina Scouts are this weekend having a bike hike  
from their den to Freshwater Point. I believe that  
some of the East Mackay Scouts are taking part as  
well.*

*Sarina Skillorama – attendance was down this  
year however the standard of the bases were as  
good as previous years. Some members from  
Banksia & East Mackay Groups attended  
Skillorama. Sarina Group were awarded the most  
points so were presented with the Shield.*

*The Rovers – this weekend are at Wyper Park,  
Bundaberg for the Service Moot.*

*The Joey Scouts from Mackay District will be  
attending Jota-Joti at Sarina and will be having a  
few of their own activities as well at the planned  
activities instead of holding a District Joey Scout  
Mob Holiday.*

*Mackay District Cub Scout 10 Year Old Camp  
39 cub scouts 15 adults/leaders including 7 cub  
scouts 1 leader and 1 adult from Proserpine attend  
10 year old camp at Rowallan Park on 24th-25th  
August 2002 run by District Adviser Rob Bowers.  
District Leader, David Brown tested Cub Scouts  
on the Blue Level First Aid and 9 Cub Scouts  
passed the requirements for the badge. Bagheera  
informed me that they held a two hour hike and  
activities that lasted three hours.*

*Until next newsletter,*

*Have fun in Scouting*

*Mary Wallace, District Leader, Community  
Relations.*