



# NEWSLETTER

Scouts Australia  
Central & Coastal Region



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## 📅 Dates to Remember

2004 Megactivities Camp May Day Weekend 2004  
6th April 03 Family Scout Day and Awards  
Presentations, Whitsunday District.  
24th-27th April 03 Anzac Camp at Banksia Group

## Recognition Awards

The announcement of the recognition awards were made on Founders Day. The recipients for the Central and Coastal Region are as follows

### Silver Koala – for Distinguished Service

Dianne Boucher – CSL – Bucasia Scout Group  
Wayne Harm – DC - Whitsunday District  
Mary Wallace – RL – Community Relations

### Certificate of Merit – for Good Service

Mark Braney, SL, Proserpine Scout Group  
Leanne Jarrett – CSL – Moranbah Scout Group  
Rhonda Davy- Adult Support Member, (ASM)-  
Proserpine Scout Group  
Joanne Ketelaar – ASM – Banksia Scout Group  
Carolanne Landel – ASM - Whitsunday Coast  
Scout Group  
Sharon McLean – ASM – Bucasia Scout Group  
Alexander Neave – SL – Banksia Scout Group  
Charmaine Nott – ASM – 3rd Mackay Scout  
Group  
Leonie Ross – ASM – 7th Mackay Scout Group  
Neville Ross – ASM – 7th Mackay Scout Group  
Nigel Rowe – ASM - Whitsunday Coast Scout  
Group  
Shane Rutherford – DL – Mackay District  
Judith Salty –ASM– 3rd Mackay Scout Group.  
Melinda Shepherd – GL - Whitsunday Coast Scout  
Group



## - Regional News -

The Regional Management Seminar will probably be held in late November this year as this will give us the opportunity and time for the recently appointed Regional Management Team to evaluate the progress toward achieving short term goals set. We will advise the date in due course.

We believe the “Twenty Fifteen Scout Plan” is being implemented slowly as required and will prove to benefit the Movement with a successful result in the growth of youth and adult membership as designed.

I have the new uniform for the leaders and will be wearing it for members to view. Many of you would have observed John Weaver from BHQ in the new outfit during his recent visit.

More on John Weaver and the Scout Car. John was in the Mackay District at our invitation to promote Scouting and to encourage recruitment in to the Movement. John presented his display to many schools in the District as well as attending Service Club meetings. He and the program were well received and a significant number of contacts have been confirmed as a result. I believe the project was a great success and we intend to have him return to Mackay and also visit the Whitsunday District.

We understand that our Information Technology Leaders are progressing well with the Regional Website and the “Connect Qld Project”. I do hope we will be able to obtain some ‘Growth to the Movement’ benefits from its introduction and ongoing use.

Adventurous activities project – abseil tower and challenge valley construction at Rowallan Park is well under way and the project Leader informs us

*the main stages could be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Would be fantastic???*

*The District Commissioners will be contacting all those Leaders who have not completed their Personal Safety Training. Remember that it is part of the commitment and it is an essential requirement. Be prepared to undertake this training as soon as we are able to organize the date and venue. We will announce this as soon as possible.*

*The Regional Commissioner Conference will be held form 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April at B P Park Samford with all Sections being represented from our Region. I believe it could be a very intense program with the Twenty-Fifteen Scout Plan, Growing the Movement and Training being high priority Agenda Items. We intend to have another Regional Management Meeting in May when details of the conference will be further discussed for the benefit of the Groups and our Members.*

*A Regional Contact Listing has been produced and will be released in the near future. It will be available in the first instance on Email and later in hard copy for those with snail mail.*

*The applications for the jamboree have been requested to be returned promptly with the initial deposit. We hope that those intending to attend have met the requirements and looking forward to an exciting time.*

*Margaret and I will be absent on holidays from 5<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact the Regional Management Team for any assistance you may require.*

*That's all folks!!! Bye till next time!!!*

*Bob Hodda,  
Regional Commissioner  
Central & Coastal Region*

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*Mackay District  
A word (or two) from the District  
Commissioner.....*

*We had an exciting start to 2003 with the successful amalgamation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mackay, 7<sup>th</sup> Mackay and East Mackay Groups. The culmination of these Groups has resulted in the birth of the new Mackay City Central Group on the 1st January 2003. Members of the three Groups as at that date, under the leadership of Group Leader Brian Harvey, will go down in the history of Scouting as being the inaugural members of the Mackay City Central Scout Group. Brian has accepted the challenge of Group Leader with enthusiasm and reports a positive response from members and parents who are keen to support the continued development of a well-managed Scout Group. An active and disciplined Group providing a balanced "Youth Program" retains its members and promotes an impressive image of Scouting to the wider community.*

*On another positive note, we were fortunate in having Scouts Queensland 2015 Project Officer John Weaver visit our District in February. John's promotional tour of several schools in and around Mackay and one in Sarina has generated membership growth in all Groups servicing these areas. Three parents have so far expressed interest in becoming Leaders.*

**Welcome** to the following members in our District and Region:

*Margaret Barber, Regional Leader Youth Program – Scout Section*

*Ray Jones, Regional Leader Activities – Selected Activities*

*Mary Wallace, Regional Leader Community Relations (changed from District appointment)*

*David Brown Regional Leader Adventurous Activities – Abseiling and Bushwalking*

*Adam Grace, Scout Leader Bucasia Group*

*Joann Brzozowski, Joey Scout Leader Banksia Group on transfer from Edmonton Group*

**Farewell and thank you** to the following members who have tendered their resignations:

Bruce Hennessey, Assistant Scout Leader,  
Moranbah Group

Ron Horton, Scout Leader Mackay City Central  
Group (previously 3<sup>rd</sup> Mackay)

Matt Widt, Assistant Scout Leader Bucasia Group

Grace Watt, Assistant Group Leader Mackay City  
Central Group (previously East Mackay)

Margaret Hall, Cub Scout Leader Mackay City  
Central Group (previously 7<sup>th</sup> Mackay)

**Congratulations** to Rob Bowers who has received recognition for **10 Years Service** to Scouting.

#### **Training:**

**Leadership Training 3 Course** - I am currently making arrangements to have a Course Leader allocated to run this course at Rowallan Park and will be in contact with eligible Leaders when I have further details.

**Personal Safety** - Leaders who have not completed the compulsory Personal Safety component of their training will be invited to attend that particular session at the next Leadership Training 3 Course.

**First Aid Course** - I would like to hear from members, through your team leader, should you wish to receive first aid training. I already have expressions of interest but require a commitment from more people before I can request a course be held here. The training fee is paid for by the formation with which we are registered and billed direct to that formation.

**Scout Review Implementation Training** - A reminder that this training will be conducted by Branch Commissioner Scouts Pieter Van Der Kamp at Rowallan Park on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2003. Applications are to reach the Regional Commissioner by 9<sup>th</sup> April 2003. This is compulsory training for all Scout Section Leaders and Group, District and Region Leaders are invited to attend as some of these people will have responsibilities in certain areas within the Award Scheme.

#### **Certificate 4 Assessment and Workplace**

**Training** - Do we have any members who are current holders of this certificate? Do we have any parents who are current holders of this certificate? Do we know of anybody externally who is a current holder of this certificate and who may be prepared to share their skills with Scouting? Please let me know if you are able to nominate someone and I will be happy to provide the necessary follow up.

A safe and happy Easter to all. I hope the Easter Bunny finds you wherever you may be.

Something to ponder....."There are four steps to accomplishment:

Plan Purposefully.

Prepare Prayerfully.

Proceed Positively.

Pursue Persistently."

Good Scouting

Margaret Hodda

District Commissioner, Mackay District

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#### **Whitsunday District**

*From the Desk of the District Commissioner*

I would like to remind everyone that the Central and Coastal Region All Sections, 2004 Megativities Camp next year, on May Day Weekend will be held at "Bundaleer" which is the Whitsunday District Camp Site at Peter Faust Dam, Proserpine.

#### **Canoe Charge Certificate**

Whitsunday District are after expressions of interest to hold a Canoe Charge Certificate at "Bundaleer", utilising the canoes and kayaks from Whitsunday District.

#### **Family Scout Day**

On Sunday 6th April the Whitsunday District are holding a Family Day at "Bundaleer" the Whitsunday District Scout Campsite. The Founders Day Adult Recognition Awards will be acknowledged at this function. Activities on the program for the day will be Prussiking, and a

nature walk. For lunch and afternoon smoko BYO food and soft drinks and chairs. RSVP to Greg Walker, GL, Proserpine Group.

Wayne Harm, District Commissioner, Whitsunday District

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### *Founders Day 2003*

Scouts around the world celebrated the birthdays of the founder of scouting Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell on the 22nd February. The Founders Day celebration for Mackay District Scouting was held at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove with a thanks giving service lead by the Patron of Scouting in Mackay, Mr Ray Braithwaite OAM. Special guests who attended were the Regional Commissioner Central and Coastal Region Mr Bob Hodda, the Assistant Regional Commissioner Mr Vince Corbin OAM, Mr Ian Hamilton, President of District Association, and Mrs Val Hamilton, Golden Friend of Guiding, Mrs Bev Houley, Secretary, Dalrymple Region Guides.

The announcement was made on Founders Day that 11 adult members of scouting in Mackay District and 6 adult members from Whitsunday District, are to receive recognition awards. Those who were present at the function were presented their cloth insignia by the Regional Commissioner Mr Bob Hodda, and the District Commissioner Mackay District, Mrs Margaret Hodda. The presentation of the awards will be held at Government House on Sunday 25th May 2003.

I have sent a report on Founders Day and the list of recipients of the recognition awards for Mackay District to the Daily Mercury and the Pioneer News on 3rd March and so far it hasn't appeared as yet, to which I am very disappointed.

Mary Wallace, RL Community Relations

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### *Water Fun Night*

The water carnival was attended by approximately 110 people with a break down of youth in the following age brackets (these figures would also include any family members participating) about 10 Joey Scouts, 25-30 Cub Scouts 20 scouts, 4 Venturer Scouts, (I did not see any rovers) and about 10 leaders and the rest being parents and visitors.

Sarina had the largest participation of the groups which attended, which was great to see especially as they were bussed up, thanks folks and the supplier of the bus.

All groups from the Mackay District made a presence on the night, which was great to see. For those that are interested some group photos (digital camera) were taken as well as some general shots and they are doing the rounds on a CD (The editor has it at the moment) which also includes the photos taken during JOTA / JOTI last year.

The idea for the night was to have a good time, and I think everyone who got wet did. For the record I still think that the Cub Scouts can cheer louder than the Scouts.

Apparently Sarina group usually takes out most of the events in past years however they were handicapped this year (with a couple of besser blocks and bungee cord just joking) as most of their experience seems to have been away at that time.

Thanks to the leaders who gave me a hand to organize the night and we look forward to have another again next year. Any feed back to improve the night would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to Ray Jones.

Ray Jones, Regional Leader, Selected Activities

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## *Adventurous Activities Report*

*On Sunday 30th March 2003 Paul Beveridge (Surveyor) will be at Rowallan Park with myself to survey the adventurous activities area and place pegs in the ground. This will allow us to proceed with the boring of holes and prepare for insertion and concreting of the base sections of the tower and ropes course elements.*

*It is hoped that soil can be broken on Sunday 6th April 2003. At this time it is also planned that, subject to materials, elements of the obstacle course be commenced.*

*We still await the final design for the abseiling tower which is currently being drawn by a structural engineer and when this is finalized construction of the tower will commence.*

*Investigation is to commence this week into the use of Tekcrete for the climbing and abseiling faces. This process involves the erection of mesh and the spraying of a concrete type substance onto this. This process is also considered to be the most effective method for the construction of a maze.*

*We are on target for completion in late June, subject to the design and approval of the tower itself. This tower is being designed to stand for, I believe 100+ years.*

*David Brown, Regional Leader, Adventurous Activities*

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### *Sarina Scout Group*

*Cub Scout Section have started with 13 members. Our first camp for the year was a 'Boys & Girls Beach Theme', held at the den on Founders Day weekend.*

*We had a ramble around Sarina Streets and a dip in the pool.*

*One parent gave a fantastic talk on star gazing and hopefully next time there will be more stars. Beach Boys music played all weekend and great 'punch' the drink was served Saturday night.*

*On Sunday we all attend Church at St. Lukes and afterwards had our 'Going Up Ceremony' in the park.*

*Drew Wilson came up from Joey Scouts. Damien Packer, Morgan Simpson, Ben & Chris Buchholz all received their Yellow Cords. Damien and Morgan also received their Link Badge and Family Scouting Badge and also 'went up' to Scouts.*

*"Croc" (Peter Schultz), was invested as our Scout Leader. Scouts have 6 members.*

*Venturer Scouts under the Leadership of Judy Johnson have started up again with 2 members.*

*Tim Johnson  
Group Leader, Sarina Group.*

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### *Banksia Scout Group*

*Banksia Scout Group have sent invitations to all groups in the Mackay District to the Innaugural Anzac Day "Back to Scouting Weekend" from 24th – 27th April 2003. Scouts who are attending the Jamboree in Adelaide are encouraged to attend to obtain their 3 consecutive nights under canvas.*

*Anzac Day observances are included in the program, along with advanced construction activities, cooking, obstacle course challenge, prussiking, orienteering challenge, campfire (Friday night), night games, and movies. Bunnings will be running activities for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts on Saturday afternoon.*

*Gary Keeton, LIC Banksia Group*



## *Proserpine Scout Group*

### **Fundraiser**

Recently hosted an ENJO fundraiser demonstration at our den. The group was rewarded with ENJO gifts that will be raffled for Mothers Day. ENJO fibres are used only with water to clean many different household situations. Better for the Environment and Better for You.

### **Yellow Cords**

Five Cub Scouts are to receive a yellow cord prior to going up to Scouts next month: -Joshua Denham, Phillip Walker, Joshua Glisson, Christopher Stephens, and Soren Knight. Congratulations to these Cub Scouts, also Joshua Denham and Phillip Walker commenced with scouting as Joey Scout members.

### **Gaming Grant**

We are delighted to receive funds to repaint the external surface of our old scout buildings. We anticipate this work will result in an improved image of scouting in our community and pride in our premises.

### **First Aid Course**

Our leaders and interested parents successfully completed a course in a CPR refresher.

### **Proserpine State School Fete**

The cubs and scouts are once again to volunteer their time at the fete to run the children rides ticket stall.

### **Clean up Australia**

Our group supported the day and joined with the community to do our work for the environment.

Greg Walker, Group Leader,  
Proserpine Group



## *Notes from the Editor*

**Behaviour Management** is a very important issue in the Scout Group and to the parents at home. Gone are the days of giving the child a good hiding or a good tongue lashing. (That's physical abuse or verbal, or mental abuse.)

One strategy that is used now is:- If you want something done, don't say please, will you ----? Say what you want done, and conclude with Thank You. That is in anticipation that it will be done, and gives the message that you mean what you are saying.

Children need praise and encouragement just for doing their best in an activity, to build their self esteem.

If you have access to the internet there are some very useful sites to visit. One is particular is very good "Dr Mac's Amazing Behaviour Management Advice Site" [www.behavioradvisor.com](http://www.behavioradvisor.com)

### **Anzac Day**

With war in Iraq, please remember our servicemen and women of today, and pray for peace, when attending Anzac Services this year.

### **Easter and School Holidays**

On behalf of the Regional and District Teams have a Happy and enjoyable Easter with family and friends and take care on the School Holidays.

**Next Regional Newsletter deadline 23rd May 2003.**

Have fun in Scouting  
Mary Wallace  
Editor, Central & Coastal Region Newsletter.

