



# NEWSLETTER

Scouts Australia  
Central & Coastal Region



Editor Mary Wallace

## 📅 Dates to Remember

7th8th9th June Region Scout Camp Rowallan Park  
26th July Cub Scout Rally, Rowallan Park  
2004 Megactivities Camp May Day Weekend  
Bundaleer Campsite, Lake Proserpine

## News from the Regional Commissioner

Branch Commissioner Ian Lightbody will be in Mackay on Tuesday 17th June with his Team to entertain the youth members and adults at their presentation at Banksia Scout Den commencing with a BYO barbecue at 6.00pm. Having seen some of Ian's previous presentations I am keen to see his latest show. We sometimes refer to Ian as the Branch Commissioner for toys due to the presentations and imagination produced. A good night I am sure.

Group Leaders, District and Regional Leaders should book the 30th August for our Regional Management Seminar. It will be held at Rowallan Park commencing at 9.00am and conclude with dinner in the evening. The Chief Commissioner is expected to attend also.

Bob Hodda has assumed the role of caretaker at Rowallan Park following the resignation of Doug Miller. Bookings and inquiries can be made by contacting the Regional Scout Office on 49548198. This office is not attended full time and we ask for you to leave a message and we will return the call as soon as possible.

I had the pleasure of having a beach dinner with the Bowen Scouts last Tuesday evening. They prepared a meal of soup, main meal of steak, sausages, mashed potatoes, and deep fried cherry ripers for dessert. They even managed to make the best of things without lights as the sun set into the night and the park was without a light of any sort.

Margaret and I along with our Regional Team have had the pleasure of visiting all the Groups who have had their AGM's. The success of the year is reflected in the positive reports being presented at these meetings. With the support of the Regional Team we trust we are able to present improved programs and activities and thus grow the Movement in line with the expectations of the twenty fifteen scout plan.

The Regional Scout Camp to be held at Rowallan Park next weekend is fast approaching and I believe the program is full of adventure and excitement. I know it has been a busy time for me, as I have had to repair the water reticulation system so the camp has plenty of water. Repairs to toilet systems were also on the agenda and we had a blowout with the right rear tyre on the tractor just to add to the chores of preparing the park for the big weekend. We usually have storage of approximately 73000 litres but due to maintenance problems we were reduced to 22500. As of last night all three tanks were full with a full compliment of 73000 in storage waiting to be attacked by the multitudes coming to enjoy the weekend.

I will be appearing in both my roles at the weekend camp as the caretaker making sure things go right and as the regional Commissioner to look at the quality of Scouting in our Region and observe the members enjoying Scouting.

R W (Bob) Hodda  
Regional Commissioner  
Central & Coastal Region



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

*My how time flies when you are having FUN! The FUN bit is in abundance. It's the ENERGY bit that is required to keep up with the FUN that seems to be in short supply at times.*

**Uniform Review** - *The video on the proposed new uniform has been viewed by all Groups in Mackay District and I trust that all responses have been forwarded to Scouts Queensland in order that the opinions of our members are received for consideration.*

**Annual General Meetings** - *I have had the pleasure of attending the Annual General Meetings of the Proserpine, Sarina and Mackay City Central Groups. I welcome the Regional Team to all AGM's throughout Mackay District and thank them for their support to date.*

**The Mackay District Annual General Meeting** *will be held on Wednesday 2nd July 2003 at the Mackay Northern Beaches Bowls Club, Bucasia Road commencing 7.00 for 7.30pm. Finger food will be served prior to commencement of the meeting.*

**Region Scout Camp** - *Regional Leader Marg Barber and her team have an exciting and challenging program for Scouts on the weekend of 7/8/9th June 2003 at Rowallan Park Campsite. Camping, cooking and leadership skills will be put to the test and full participation in true Scouting spirit is an expectation to ensure a fun filled weekend for all.*

**Queen's Scout Applicant** - *I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Banksia Venturer Scout Cassie Keeton as a requirement for the recommendation of the Queen's Scout Award. Cassie has put in a tremendous effort in order to meet the challenges and standards required. Her Award Scheme achievements, which she has documented in exceptional detail, will serve as a permanent record of her efforts. The enthusiasm and confidence displayed by Cassie during our discussions made for an enjoyable experience on*

*my part. We wish Cassie success with her application.*

**National Youth Council** - *Congratulations to Mackay City Central Scout Brendan Corbin in being accepted as a member of the National Youth Council. Brendan travelled to Sydney on Friday 2nd May 2003 to attend his first meeting held over the weekend. We are proud to now have two National Youth Council representatives in our District and Region. The other being Banksia Venturer Scout Brendan Ross who also attended the meeting in Sydney.*

### **Training - Leadership Training 3 Course**

*This course will be held on 27/28/29th June 2003 at Rowallan Park. All eligible Leaders will receive notification in the mail this week.*

*Closing date for applications at Scouts Queensland will be Friday 13th June 2003.*

### **Anchor Badge Course**

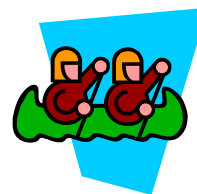
*An Anchor Badge Course is scheduled for the weekend of 16th & 17th August 2003. Maximum number accepted on the course will be 12. Please direct all nominations to Course Leader Lindsay Bone, 14 Rosewood Street, Middlemount 4746 or Phone 49859202.*

### **Scout Leadership Course**

*The Course scheduled for 21st & 22nd June 2003 is being rescheduled to a date to be advised.*

*Until next time.....Good Scouting!*

*Margaret Hodda "Toomai"  
District Commissioner  
Mackay District*



## *Whitsunday District Recognition Awards Family Day*

*Whitsunday District held a Family Day at Camp Bundaleer at Lake Proserpine on 6th April.*

*Prussiking was a very popular activity for the young and not so young. Lots of parents couldn't resist having a go, which is great to see. Thanks go to Noel Bourke for running the activity for the day.*

*An Environmental walk was held in the afternoon.*

*The Recognition Awards were presented on Closing Parade. There were some Yellow Cords presented. Lady Mayoress Mrs Demartini was there to extend congratulations to all the leaders for their dedication and the Youth Member on their achievements.*

*My second visit to the Whitsunday District this year, was to **Proserpine Groups Annual Meeting** on 15th May. I'll be back there again. The pasta dinner was more than I expected. I was glad to donate to their Jamboree Fund Raising effort. After the Annual Meeting was dessert and tea or coffee.*

### *Scout Section Review*

*On the 10th May, Scout Leaders, a Cub Scout Leader, Group Leaders, Regional Leaders, District Commissioners from Mackay and Whitsunday Districts, and the RC and ARC spent the day at Rowallan Park to hear the changes to the Scout Section Program. Branch Commissioner for Scouts Mr Pieter Van DerKamp led the day of activities that were enjoyed by those who participated. Leaders practised the knots for the New Age Ropes and after lunch they were put to use in building a ballista, and then the battle begun.*

*The proposed New Uniform was shown for leaders to make comment.*

### *Anzac Camp, Banksia Group*

*I was fortunate enough to visit the camp held at Banksia Scout Group over the Anzac Weekend. I was there to run the Campfire, and yes, it rained. We had our sing along and skits inside.*

*The camp started on Thursday evening. On Friday morning all were up bright and early for Dawn Service Lead by Regional Leader Dave Brown. They also attended the Anzac March in town during the morning. When I arrived on Friday night there was an impressive gateway to greet me and bamboo citronella flares burning. The tower wasn't up then, but I have seen the photos of the impressive tower, which was built. I believe there were orienteering activities and a Bunnings Warehouse representative attended and ran craft activities for the Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts. This camp attracted the attention of passerby's and there were quite a few comments in the community even from people who had nothing to do with scouting.*

*Well Done, Banksia Group*

*From the Editor  
Regional Leader,  
Community Relations  
Mary Wallace*



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### *Sixer & Second Activity Day*

*A total of 26 Cub Scouts, 7 leaders & 3 helpers attended our Sixer & Second's Field Activity Day at Rowallan Park on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 03. Cub Scouts from Bowen [Christine Hart CSL] & Proserpine in the Whitsunday District attended as well as Groups from Mackay District with Cub Scouts learning new skills or having their duties refreshed. [Leaders to]*

*Some of the activities undertaken were:*

*Parade Protocol: - Grand Howl, Where to stand on Parade & Ceremonies.*

*Flag Care: - Flag; Rolling, Hoisting & Lowering.*

*Games: - Mixing & Introduction Game, Promise & Law Treasure Hunt,*

*Promise & Law Bingo, Defuse the bomb [a challenge activity]*

As well as a compass wide game.

Guest Speaker Pastor Don Gray attended our 'Scouts Own' and later spoke to the Cub Scouts on the role of Leadership.

Bob "The Mowerman" Hodda RC in his old Rowallan Park uniform greeted us in the morning while Margaret Hodda DC in the proposed new leader uniform and Group Leader Brian Harvey visited us later in the afternoon and stayed for Closing Parade.

Many thanks to the 2 parents [Lucille - Proserpine Group & Sherida - Mackay City Central] & Rod Lean ASMNU Mackay City Central for their assistance. Thanks also to all the Cub Scout Leaders for their valued efforts.

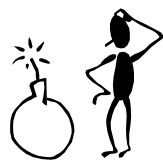
Regards

Rob Bowers

Regional Leader Support

Cub Scout Section

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## Sarina Scout Group

Sarina Scout Group manned the Driver Reviver Stop at Waverly Creek for 2 1/2 days over the Easter break. Those who assisted sold just over 600 sausages and brewed untold cups of coffee and tea. Our Group Leader, Taipan (Tim Johnson), is looking to learn Japanese for the next one. Taipan found it somewhat challenging telling a minibus load of Japanese tourists (at 2am) that the next fuel is 70km away.

The Group attended the ANZAC church parade and ANZAC Day parade in Sarina.

6 Cub Scouts attended the Sixer and Seconder Field Day at Rowallan Park. They had great fun racing down the hill in the Sack Bags. Rob Bowers and Debbie Rutherford went back to their childhood days and also had a go.

Lance Hodda,  
GEO Sarina Group

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## Proserpine Scout Group

### Joey Scout

Current Members are at 3 with 2 recently gone up to Cub Scouts.

### Cub Scouts

Current members are at 12, with 8 recently gone up to Scouts and 2 to go up soon.

The 2 sixers and 2 seconds attended the activity day at Rowallan ark on 18th May.

We hope to soon appoint an assistant to Leader Helen Keen. Helen attended Skills 1 Training in Townsville on 16-18th May.

### Scout Section

Current members are at 15, with 2 nearing Venturer Scout age of 14 1/2 years. A new leader Lloyd Fox has been appointed and has replaced Mark Braney after 7 years of service. Mark has moved to Rockhampton for work reasons.

### Jamboree

We have 7 scouts and 1 leader attending the Jamboree and the parents have planned to organise many fundraising events, the next fundraiser is a "Cent Sale" on 31st May at the Uniting Church Hall.

### Group Committee

Our Group's AGM was held on 15th May with all positions filled. It was a successful evening and we had a visit from the Regional Team.

### Den

The external walls of the buildings have been repainted. It looks great. We are very happy with the results and many people are talking about it.

### Group Activity

We are proposing to attend the "Special Youth Activity Night" in Bowen on 25th June. The Group is travelling by bus with Alan Hobson as the owner/driver.

Greg Walker  
Group Leader  
Proserpine Group.

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## *National Youth Council*

*On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th May I represented our Region at the National Youth Council in Sydney as a Scout.*

*A range of topics were discussed at the Council. These included Youth Issues, Marketing, Sections and the Uniform. The discussion about the uniform was the most discussed topic on the Council. Other members opinion on the uniform were mixed. The Scout Section Review and New Badge System. Promotion and Marketing of the Scouting Movement were also raised.*

*The Council will continue throughout the year with monthly meetings on the internet to discuss the relative issues.*

*I have been appointed for a two year position on the Council and will try to keep our Regions opinion on issues known. I am part of Marketing, Technology and the Scout Section working groups.*

*As a member of the National Youth Council I will also attend the State Youth Forum in August. If you would like me to raise issues with the Council please contact me Ph 49426556 or email [breny69@hotmail.com](mailto:breny69@hotmail.com)*

*I feel very privileged and honored to represent this Region on the National Youth Council.*

*Brendan Corbin  
Scout, Mackay City Central*

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### *Website*

*Do you browse the web? Next time you are online Check out the Queensland Branch Website [www.scoutqld.com.au/](http://www.scoutqld.com.au/) there is a link to our very own Central and Coastal Region web page. There isn't a great deal on there yet, but the Regional Calendar and some great photos of the Regional Management Team Members are there. Thanks go to Geoff Neale and Lance Hodda for setting this up.*

*While on the Branch Website check out the Jamboree Site.*

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### *Ten Commandments of Leadership*

- 1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centred. LOVE THEM ANYWAY.*
- 2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. DO GOOD ANYWAY*
- 3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. SUCCEED ANYWAY.*
- 4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. DO GOOD ANYWAY.*
- 5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.*
- 6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest man with the smallest mind. THINK BIG ANYWAY.*
- 7. People favour underdogs, but follow only top dogs. FIGHT FOR A FEW UNDERDOGS ANYWAY.*
- 8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. BUILD ANYWAY.*
- 9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. HELP THEM ANYWAY.*
- 10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWAY.*

*Excerpts from a speech given by Eddie Snow, Oakland #3, at the District Assembly May 18th, "If you were arrested for Being a Rotarian, Would there be enough evidence to Convict you?" These are St. Edward Wrestling Coach Howards Ferguson's "Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership."*