



NEWSLETTER

Scouts Australia
Central & Coastal Region



Editor Mary Wallace

📅 Dates to Remember

3/4/5 Oct 03 Jamboree Shakedown Camp

Contact RL Jane Mumford

18/19 Oct 03 JOTA / JOTI

Contact RL Ray Jones

24/25/26 Oct 03 Leadership Training 3 Course

Contact DC Marg Hodda

31 Oct & 1/2 Nov 03 Scout Leadership Course

Contact RL Marg Barber

7/8/9 Nov 03 Skills Training 1 Course

Contact DC Marg Hodda

5/6/7 Dec 03 Skills Training 2 Course (TBC)

Contact DC Marg Hodda

The Regional Leaders Activity Weekend that was to be in November, has been postponed to a date, possibly in February 2004.

2004 Megactivities Camp, May Day Weekend

From the Regional Commissioner "Latelines 14/09/03"

The past couple of months have shown an excellent image of Scouting with Cub Scout Yellow Cords being presented, a Scout Medallion being presented with more close to being completed, a Queens' Scout Badge presentation with another close to being completed, and a BP award being made to a Mackay District Rover who now lives back in Brisbane.

Special congratulations are in order for Brendan Corbin for his presentation of the Scout Medallion, the highest award to be earned in the Scout Section and to Cassie Keeton who was presented with her Queens' Scout Award, the highest award to be earned in the Venturer Scout Section.

Whilst we are speaking about awards we also have the pleasure of being informed that Sonja Rowlinson who was a member of the Mackay City Central Rovers has completed her BP Award, the highest award that can be achieved in the Rover Section.

Our congratulations go to these people in particular whilst we also congratulate all of the young people who have been awarded recognition for completing badge work along the way to hopefully obtaining the highest award in each section.

The presentation of these awards is the thanks received by the Leaders and in recognition of their achievements in their leadership roles. As the achievement badges are presented to our young people then so is their achievements recognized in the pride of the Leaders in a job well done.

Another accomplishment was the Mackay District Annual Church Parade with the visit this year to the Living Word Fellowship Christian Outreach Centre conducted by our Regional Chaplain and Personal Safety Officer, Pastor Don Gray. A significant number of members attended which included a bus load from Sarina Group. The service was followed by morning tea when Sarina Leader Lance Hodda was presented with his 15 year Long Service Award. Congratulations to Lance for his continued contribution to The Movement.

I have just come back from visiting the Banksia Group combined Joey Scouts Mob Holliday and the Cub Scouts Pack Holliday where all have had an excellent time during their weekend camp at Rowallan Park while they were acting out their theme of "Space Adventure". All were in good spirits having had a great adventure whilst the leaders indicated they were happy to pack up and go home for a much deserved rest.

With the successful presentation of the "Twenty Fifteen Scout Plan" by the Chief Commissioner and his Branch Team on 30th & 31st August and the implementation of the Criteria for the Chartering of a Scout Group we now embark on positive journey with the "Twenty Fifteen Plan" toward sound values, and achievable goals encompassing Management, Recourses, Program, Leadership and Image equal throughout the State of Qld. The expected growth to the Movement should now be a paramount goal for the short, medium and long term success of Scouts Qld to ensure strength and prosperity into the future.

I also take this opportunity to thank all of you people who have again given up a full weekend of your time plus to attend this very important Management Seminar for the Movement and the youth of our community. Your input into the sessions was of great assistance and importance as is the responsibility of the Central & Coastal Region to accept the challenge to be the Members to trial the System. Thank you, I know we can do it!

Dates are now required to compile the 2004 Regional Calendar. Could you please discuss this issue with Group Councils, District Training meetings etc and forward the information to us by 31st October 2003. This will allow us to compile the calendar and have it to you early to assist in your Scout Plans and Charter Criteria arrangements.

Margaret and I will be away on holidays from next Wednesday, 17th instant until approximately 17th October, 2003.

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

A word (or two) from the District Commissioner- Mackay District

Scouting is all about young people and we in Mackay District are extremely proud of our high achievers.

- Scout Brendan Corbin of Mackay City Central Group has been awarded the Australian Scout Medallion and is the first recipient in the District and Region.
- Venturer Scout Cassandra Keeton of Banksia Group has been awarded the Queen's Scout Award.
- Rover Brendan Graham of Mackay City Central Group has been appointed a Rover Aide-de-Camp.
- Some of you will remember Rovers Scott and Sonja Rowlinson who spent some time in Mackay before returning to live in Brisbane. Sonja has earned the BP Award.

Congratulations to all these young people on a wonderful effort.

Date claimers for 2003: As per Dates to Remember

I am relying on the support of GL's, LIC's and PLA's to ensure that our Leaders receive the necessary support and encouragement to be able to attend these events. Applications for the formal Leader Training Courses are required at Scouts Queensland two weeks prior to the Course dates.

Region Management Seminar:

I was pleased to have the entire District Team attend this weekend seminar and thank you all for making your time available to be a part of this exciting development for Scouting in Queensland. Thank you to the Section Leaders who participated in the program on Sunday.

I urge everyone, regardless of what your role may be, to keep up the good work in your support of Scouting and young people and have FUN in your role.

Margaret Hodda
District Commissioner Mackay District

Report from the Whitsunday District

The Whitsunday District's AGM was held last month with the treasurer's position vacant. Peter Day stayed on as Chairman, and secretary Wendy Rowe, retired to take on a Leadership role, treasurer, Carolanne Landel retired to take on a Regional Role. Assistant District Commissioner, Stuart Locke has temporarily taken on the Secretary's position. Thank you to the past and present committee for their dedication.

It was a fun and successful evening and we had a visit from some of the regional management team.

I had the pleasure of attending the AGM of the Bowen Group and enjoyed talking to the leaders and the committee.

Greg Walker, District Commissioner, Whitsunday District.



Report from the Joey Scout Section

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Regional Cub Scout Rally, at Rowallan Park.

The theme was Rowallan Beach Carnival and I had the pleasure of sharing the running of a base called 'Pipeline'.

It consisted of sitting on a hessian sack at the top of the hill and having a friend pull you down the hill by rope and then swapping over. It was great fun, as was the whole afternoon, and both the Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts enjoyed it (as well as a few Leaders!)

As I walked around I also had the opportunity of meeting some Joey Scout Leaders from Mackay District. It was great to meet them all and put faces to names.

A bit of good news! Whitsunday Coast Scout Group now has a new Joey Scout Mob and Leader. Welcome goes to both the Joey Scouts and the new Joey Scout Leader. Kathy is keen and enthusiastic and has a challenge ahead to re-build the mob and encourage new members.

Finally, August was Bring a Friend Month, and this will be the first time for the Joey Scout section. I look forward to hearing how all your mob's went. The resource kit available is a valuable resource and to be kept with the mob to be used again next year.

Keep HOPPING

Wendy Harm

Regional Leader, Program Support, Joey Scout Section

Report from the Cub Scout Section

The weekend of the 23rd & 24th August we held our 10 year olds camp. Last years numbers were at about 42, this year we had 15 youth members.

All the normal activities were done, however with the lower number of Cub Scouts we seemed to get through activities quicker. I was prepared for extra time so some fun type activities were done such as; make catapults with rubber bands etc, meters of rope were tied between the post and handrails leading down to the toilets like a spider web. Cub Scouts had fun trying to get through it. [some leaders with wobbly legs did as well]

As normal we had a campfire Saturday night with 'Spotlight Games' held before and after the campfire. D Brown, S Lean & D Befays crept away and hid. After a signal the Cub Scouts went to find them. They enjoyed this very much.

Up earlier Sunday for our hike which was quite good, after smoko a quiet game and preparation for lunch, which was hotdogs cooked in a milk carton, then clean up and head for home.

Regional Cub Scout Rally

"Rowallan Beach Carnival" was the theme for the Central and Coastal Region Cub Scout Rally, which was held at Rowallan Park, on Saturday 26th July 2003.

Approximately 120 Cub Scout and Joey Scouts and 25 leaders from Mackay and Whitsunday Districts and a visiting pack from Pimlico-Mundingburra, Townsville, enjoyed the afternoon of activities.

Some of the fun activities that fitted into the theme were as follows:-

- Jetty - Rope Bridge
- Rowallan Park Yacht Club - Canoeing
- Lifesavers - First Aid Base
- Beach Coconuts – Beach Volley Ball
- Buried Treasure - Sense Activity – Feely buckets
- Sailing Boats – Making boats and sailing them
- Surfing – Balance boards
- Pipeline – towed down the hill on a sack bag – or in a tub
- Kool Crazy Kebabs – fruit and marshmallow kebabs
- Beach Babe boutique – Leis making

Special guests who attended the Cub Scout Rally were, the Queensland Branch Commissioner for Cub Scouts, Mr John Mills, the Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Mr Bob Hodda, the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Mr Wayne Harm, and the District Commissioner, Mackay District, Mrs Margaret Hodda.



Kennedy Region Cub Scout Camp.

Julianne Packer 2 Cub Scouts and myself travelled to Tamaroo in Townsville for the weekend. In general all activities were great.

On arrival Saturday afternoon, we joined in with Bluewater Group. The theme for the weekend was 'Medieval Times' The afternoons activities were Cub Scouts making and painting their suits of Armour, shields & Headwear etc. Later in the afternoon they had people from a 'Medieval Society' there to teach the Cub Scouts how the real Knights fought. There were 2 women dressed in clothing of that time. They explaining what well dressed meant. They had a few items used in that time, like a 2 pronged fork, [3 prongs meant the devil]

We all came together Saturday night for dinner, cooked and supplied by the Rovers. During the main course and desert 2 men from this society took about half an hour to dress into a Knights armour. When they were ready everyone moved back and these 2 Knights had a real sword fight. Very interesting.

Sunday after breakfast and 'Scouts Own' each group had to move to an area further down the back of the park and set up their Forts / Castles etc , which had all been pre-made and painted in the weeks leading up to this weekend.

They had flour and water bombs that were either thrown or fired from catapults at each other's Fort etc. This lasted for about 2 x 15 minutes sessions, leaders and Cub Scouts had fun, and come away damp and pale in colour.

We packed up our tents and left Townsville about 12.30pm.

Rob Bowers, Regional Leader Program Support, Cub Scout Section.

Scout Section Report

The Regional Scout Camp, was held at Rowallan Park Campsite on the weekend of 7/8/9th June 2003. Scout Groups from as far away as Sarina and Proserpine coming to join the fun. In total 7 Patrols, that is approximately 60 scouts and 13 leaders.

This was an activity camp with bases in bush walking, rope work, leadership challenge, obstacle course, making monkey nut woggles and code work. Not to miss out on the mighty "Flying Kangaroo". We had

scouts and leaders flying through the treetops all weekend. This activity was talked about by the scouts as the "BEST", as they lined up to have another go. Thanks go to Regional Leader Adventurous Activities, Mr Dave Brown, and Mr Ray Jones, Regional Leader, Special Activities for organising and constructing this activity.

There were wide games, a campfire, and wide screen movies for later in the evening.

Panther Patrol (Mackay City Central Group) outsmarted the opposition to come home with the casket of gold for the wide game on Sat. night.

On Sunday evening, the aroma coming from the cooking pots were inviting. Each Patrol was competing in the cooking competition, and served up a four-course meal.

Kangaroo Patrol also from (Mackay City Central Group) scraped home by the smallest margin as the winners of the overall camping competition.

Margaret Barber, Regional Leader, Program Support, Scout Section.

Proserpine Scout Group

Joey Scouts

Leader Gail Hinschen resigned because of work commitments. The 2 Joey Scouts aged 7 have been asked to go up to Cub Scouts. We will not have a Joey Scout section until a new leader is available.

Cub Scouts

Current members are 15. An assistant leader Lucille Cole has signed up. Leader Helen Keen recently completed Skills Training 2 in Townsville. The cubs attended the Kennedy Region Camp, in early August, at Tamaroo, Bluewater. The theme was "Medieval."

Scouts

Current members are 14, with 3 eligible for venturers. Leader Lloyd Fox is performing very well after a steep learning curve.

The scouts had a bus trip and weekend in Townsville recently and stayed at Tamaroo, Bluewater. Also there were 7 scouts and Leader Lloyd attended the Regional Scout Camp during June at Rowallan Park.

Achievements

Group President Rhonda Davy attended Government House in Brisbane for the presentation of her Certificate of Merit for good service.

Jamboree

7 Scouts and Cub Scout Leader Helen Keen will be attending Jamboree in Adelaide, and they are busily fundraising for their third payment.

Group Activity

We participated in the Heart Foundation annual doorknock in late July. Recently, we were the major caterers at the Proserpine Rotary Clubs, Home, Garden and Leisure Expo.

Greg Walker

Leader in Charge, Proserpine Group

Sarina Scout Group Report

Eight Scouts attended the District Scout Camp and it was the first Scout camp for five of our members. The most talked about base was the flying kangaroo. I did hear that Sarina Scouts are pretty good cooks.

We had about 20 youth members attend the Activity Night in June. The go-carts were a great hit as well as the landmine base.

Cub Scouts had a fun activity day, which included making teepees, trying to break piñatas, all achieved their red cyclist badge.

Cub Scout Rally was another adventure for our Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts, with new members enjoying their first fun weekend and camp. We also had the pleasure of meeting our Branch Commissioner – John Mills.

Emu, Bagheera and 2 Cub Scouts attended the Kennedy Area Regional Cub Scout Camp, which was held at Tamaroo Camp site. The theme for the weekend was “Medieval.” MOST INTERESTING.

Four Scouts attended Rainbow Bird, which turned out to be a fun weekend at Cannonvale, Shute Harbour and Airlie Beach. Swimming at Airlie Beach Lagoon, visiting Cedar Creek Falls, Conway and Wilson beach. **IT'S A HARD LIFE BEING A SCOUT, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT.**

Two Scouts and two Venturers attended and passed their Water Activity Badge. Well done girls and guys.

Banksia Scout Group Report

On Tuesday, 9th September, Banksia Cub Scout celebrated with a double award ceremony held at the Banksia Scout Den. Josh Brzozowski and Phoebe Ketelaar were both presented their Yellow Cord Award by Gary Keeton, Leader in Charge and Darryl Befays, Cub Scout Leader. The Banksia Cub Scout Pack, parents and friends of the recipients attended the ceremony.

On Saturday 13th September, Venturer Scout, Cassie Keeton was awarded the ultimate award in Venturer Scouts, “The Queens Scout Award”

Gary Keeton

Leader in Charge, Banksia Group.

Australian Scout Medallion Presentation

Brendan Corbin of the Mackay City Central Scout Group was presented with an Australian Scout Medallion, which is the highest award in the Scout Section, like the Queens Scout Award is the highest Award for the Venturer Scout Section. A special ceremony was held at the den in Lagoon Street on Friday night the 5th September, 2003. Brendan's father Mr Vince Corbin OAM, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, his mother Mrs Karen Corbin and his sister, Junior Guide, Ruth Corbin, attended the ceremony along with the Regional Commissioner Mr Bob Hodda, the Regional Team members, the District Commissioner Mrs Margaret Hodda, his past and present leaders, friends and fellow scouts. The Scout Medallion is a new award introduced to the Scout Section and Brendan is the first recipient in the Mackay District as well as the Central and Coastal Region.

The Official Ceremony was lead by Mr Brian Harvey, Group Leader of the Mackay City Central Scout Group. Mr Rob Bowers, Brendan's former Cub Scout Leader spoke of Brendan's days in Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts at Banksia Group. Mr Alan Salty, Scout Leader, Mackay City Central Group, gave an overview of Brendan's achievements in Scouts. Mr Vince Corbin, with help from Mrs Karen Corbin, presented Brendan with his Australian Scout Medallion Badge and Mrs Margaret Hodda presented him with The Australian Scout Medallion. Mr Brian Harvey

presented Brendan with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the Mackay City Central Group.

After the cutting of the cake, Brendan's former Scout Leader Mr Ron Horton spoke briefly about Brendan's character, stating that he was a quiet achiever, never made a fuss over anything, and if you asked Brendan to do a task you knew that it would be done without hesitation and competently.

**Queens Scout Award
Venturer Scout
Cassandra Keeton**

Venturer Scout, Cassandra Keeton of Banksia Venturer Unit, was presented with her Queen's Scout Award, at a special ceremony to mark the occasion, at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove, at 1 pm on Saturday 13th September 2003. The Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Mr Bob Hodda, presented Cassie with the Queen's Scout Award, which is the highest award in the Venturer Scout Section. The Award is considered highly in the Community and equals the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Cassie became a Venturer Scout in 2000 with the Banksia Venturer Unit at Andergrove. She completed the Venturing Skills award in 2001 and decided to go on and attempt the Queen's Scout Award.

The Queen's Scout Award requires 230 hours of effort, completed over several years. It is comprised of four Award Areas: Community Involvement, Adventurous Activities, Personal Growth and Leadership Development.

Some of Cassie's activities involved camping on the summit of Mt Dalrymple, investigating recycling of waste, searching for rare wallabies, pottery and leadership training.

Cassie will be invited to Government House for the presentation of the Queen's Scout Certificate early 2004.



BADGE SHOP SALE

We have heaps of PAST RALLY BADGES in store.

The prices range from 20cents for the 1983 badges
50 cents for 1990 to 2000

\$1.00 for 2001

\$2.00 for 2002

\$2.50 for 2003

Please come in and buy for The Jamboree in 2004

Thankyou Tracey Auld, District Badge Secretary.

THE BODY OF AN ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF FOUR KINDS OF BONES.

1. The WISHBONES – who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The JAWBONES – who do all the talking but very little else.
3. The KNUCKLEBONES – who knock everything that everyone else tries to do.
4. The BACKBONES – who get under the load and carry all the work through to completion.

Internet Site

Wanting some different activities and games for Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts, for Healthy living. Go to www.health.qld.gov.au/activate

Photographs

I have frequently been told by Leaders that they have good photos for the newsletter. I do appreciate this however, I prefer to fill the newsletter with the news items. The photos do look good on the newsletter, however when they are printed out, in black and white, it loses the effect. If you have good photos email them to Geoff Neale to put on the Website
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Mary Wallace

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