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Dates to Remember

1st 2nd 3rd May Megactivities All Sections
Camp

Bundaleer, Lake Proserpine.

22nd, 23rd May Regional Scout Camp,
Rowallan Park

5th, 6th June, Joey Scout Jaunt & Mob
Holiday, Rowallan Park

TO ALL SCOUT PATROLS

AN INVITATION TO

“HANG AROUND”
(with ropes)
JOIN IN THE FUN

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

AND MAY THE BEST PATROL WIN

CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGIONAL SCOUT
CAMP

Held at

ROWALLAN PARK

On

21/22/23 May 2004

6 ACTIVITY BASES (1 hour each)

Mega wide game

Movies

FUN CAMPFIRE

**DON'T MISS OUT
LET YOUR LEADER KNOW
THAT YOUR PATROL WANTS TO
“HANG AROUND”
AND JOIN THE FUN**

*From the Regional Commissioner
April 2004*

A quarter of the year has just passed us by and what have I achieved? This is a question we can all have as we take a little time to reflect on how well we have managed our time. I saw some detail printed somewhere relating to the credits of time we are allocated – like 86,400 seconds per day. If we used 28,800 for sleeping to recharge our batteries and we allocate the remainder to our waking time what have we done with this time? Have we spent our credits wisely and fairly? Remember, we cannot save up the ones we have not

used, or the ones we did not use wisely, we cannot accumulate them like money or other material items. Once a second has been passed up it is gone forever, never to be seen again.

I really do not remember how the whole story went and I guess it does not matter really. The important thing about the story was, and does constantly remind me to try to make every second that I have been given as useful and pleasant as possible to somebody and to hope that others would join in to create a team to work toward common goals leaving lasting impressions of good fellowship and self satisfaction.

I believe that the Scout Promise and Law help to lead us in the right direction. Setting goals and building the plan, seeking out the human resources to help us achieve those goals within the time frame we have selected. We speak of it often, what is the task to be done, who will be responsible for it to be done, who is to help, what materials etc do we need and what is the time frame for it to be done. Another question we should ask, who will this benefit and what can our members and / or the community expect to achieve from the exercise or project. When it is all done and operational we should have regular checks on the performance of the exercise / project – the evaluation process to determine the efficiency and effectiveness. Are there any changes that could be made for improvement?

All the things mentioned above are included in the Charter of the Groups. I thought it was a brilliant idea! I see a whole lot of improvements in our Groups as they work towards their Charter. I am also proud to note that no short cuts have been made by any Group within the Region and that when the goals are reached, satisfaction will be the highest reward for all concerned. Maintaining the standards achieved will then be a breeze and I believe enhance Scouting as it was so designed.

We are all very busy in the world today and we do not seem to have the seconds available to give to Scouting as we may like but we may be able to become more effective and efficient if we take the time to reflect and evaluate our own time program.

If we sleep for 28,800 seconds in a day, then we sleep for 201,600 seconds in a week and 10,483,200 seconds in a year!

This leaves us with 57,600 in a day to be productive,

earn a living, look after family business, live a good family life and involve the kids, look after the family pets, tend the lawn and garden, go fishing, wash the car and a million other things as well – oh, and yes there is Scouts!

But there is 403,200 seconds in a week – heaps to be distributed around with the few jobs and things we just mentioned!

And there is 20,966,400 seconds in a year!! How do you fare with your allocation and management of all of this time available to us!!

And now there is Megativities and I saw Margaret Barber with details of the Region Scout camp

Bye for now.....

Bob Hodda
Regional Commissioner
Central & Coastal Region

Whitsunday District

We have been planning megativities 2004 and performing maintenance of the district camp site (Bundaleer) at the Proserpine Dam.

A meeting of the Regional Team was held on Sunday 4th April at the Campsite for site planning of activities.

See you all at Megativities 2004, May 1, 2 & 3 at Bundaleer

District Commissioner
Greg Walker

Cub Scout Section

Rob Bowers has resigned as Regional Cub Scout Leader. Rob is to be, congratulated on the wonderful effort that he has contributed to scouting over the years.

Firstly as Cub Scout Leader of Banksia Group and as District Leader for the Cub Scout and Joey Scout Section and for the past twelve months as Regional Leader Cub Scout Section..



Any problems or question to be answered for the Cub Scout Section, ask Bob Hodda or Wayne Harm.

Mary Wallace

Joey Scout Section

The Joey Scout Leaders got together on the 6th March for a planning meeting for the Regional Joey Scout Jaunt/Mob Holiday. We had a pretty good turnout. Things discussed for the Jaunt were, the theme on the Senses, a HOP base to make gifts for the elderly in nursing homes, it is also hoped to have a Cub Scout base so the Joey Scouts get a feel for Cub Scouts and what they do. All groups will be running a base on one of the senses each. At the end the Joey Scouts will receive a special badge.

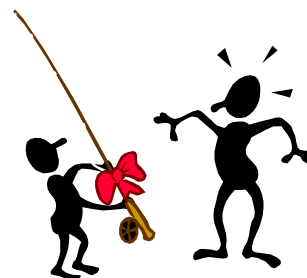


The Mob

Holiday has a theme of an Underwater Adventure. Lots of activities are planned including, aquariums, fishing games, crafts, a campfire and lots more. A badge is also received for attending the Mob Holiday. Our Branch Commissioner for Joey Scouts is also attending.

Things are still in the planning stage, but after our meeting and talking with the Joey Scout Leaders I know the weekend is going to be great fun!

Wendy Harm RL
Program Support
(Joey Scouts)



Proserpine Group

Our information night in February generated some interest with our community, with new youth members in the cub scout section, their numbers are at 20.

The scout member numbers are 10 and they held a Scout "Survival" Camp at Bundaleer 3rd & 4th April.

The Venturer Scout member numbers are 5 and they recently had an overnight bike hike around the back road of the Proserpine Dam.

The group took part in the Australia Day Ceremony, Clean Up Australia Day and the sections take turns to clean up after the Rugby League home games for a fee.

Greg Walker
Leader in Charge

Bowen Scout Group

At present we have 7 Joey Scouts who have been learning about themselves with a program called "About Me." Making snakes, using snake lollies for a game was a fun way of learning about snakes. Learning all about Baden Powell the founder of Scouting was held one afternoon, this was followed by the attendance of all sections, leaders and parents, at the Church parade at the Anglican Church the following Sunday. Our Joey Scout promise and law was learnt in a fun way playing games. Meeting at Mullers lagoon we found out about many different types of birds that live at the lagoon. Possum our Joey Scout leader went to Mackay to help plan a Joey Scout Jaunt that is coming up.

Our one and only Cub Scout has been joining in with the Joey Scouts and is enjoying being asked to help with the Joey Scouts at different times. With only one project to complete our Cub Scout will receive his Bronze Boomerang in the next couple of weeks. We are still looking for a Cub Scout leader.

The Scouts are keen on the idea of going on a camp they have been practising their skills in First Aid, compass work, putting up tents and then taking them down and making them fit back into the small carry bag. All of this is leading to the Scouts receiving their Scoutcraft badge and going away for a camp.



The Venturer Scouts had their first camp at Bundaleer Proserpine Dam on the 13th – 15th March. The Venturers are also out and about doing community jobs as in collecting for the Blind.

Fifteen members from the Bowen Scout group helped to clean up Australia on clean up Australia day. **STOP PRESS EXCITING NEWS** 2 young adults are inquiring about becoming the first Rovers of our group. We wish them all the best and will support and encourage them in starting a Rover Crew.

Rhonda Windsor
Secretary

John Weaver's Visit

Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch Project Officer, John Weaver visited the Mackay District promoting scouting from Monday 22nd March to Thursday 25th March 2004. John was driving the eye-catching signed Scout Car "Escape to Scouting" which is fitted out with powerpoint and video presentation equipment.

On Monday 22nd March John visited primary schools in Moranbah. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday he visited Schools in the Mackay and Sarina district. Whilst in Mackay, John visited the Mackay City Central Rover Crew on the Tuesday night.

M. Wallace, Editor

Banksia Scout Group

Being involved with "Clean Up Australia" paid off for Kristopher Brown, a Cub Scout from Banksia Scout Group at Andergrove. Kristopher won the major prize of a trip for two to Daydream Island. He was totally unaware that prizes could be won.

Banksia Scout Group has adopted the Morag McNichol Park at the corner of Pine and Wattle Street and is committed to assisting in returning the area to its natural state. Clean Up Australia Day saw 30 cubs scouts, scouts, leaders and parents along with community members working together to remove rubbish from this area. They filled a large skip with items, which included, an old air conditioner, car fridge, tyres and an "A" frame from a caravan.

Previous to Clean Up Australia Day, Banksia Scout Group members worked with the community group removing non-native vegetation and weeds and future activities will include tree planting and regular rubbish removal.

Leader in Charge of Banksia Group, Regional Leader David Brown said "It is great to see youth members like Kristopher being acknowledged for their achievements and will add to the enthusiasm of the group and their commitment to continue working with the Community Group in bringing the area back to its natural state."

Compiled by Mary Wallace, from information supplied by Regional Leader, David Brown, Leader in Charge, Banksia Scout Group.

On Saturday 3rd April 40 members of Banksia Group has was involved in a toad hunt at the Botanical gardens. A family visiting the area at the time joined in as well. The activity was organised by the environmental education officer at the Mackay City Council.



Banksia Cub Scouts held a Pack Holiday at Rowallan Park on the 17th and 18th April. The theme being "Bushrangers".

Banksia Group once again held their construction camp on the Anzac long weekend at their den grounds.

David Brown
Leader in Charge
Banksia Group

PS. 5 or 6 members of Banksia Group won prizes for Clean up Australia, as well as Kristopher. Diane Boucher from Bucasia Group was a winner as well. Well done to you all. Good to see that there were some rewards forthcoming. MW

Sarina Group

Sarina's activities for the year so far

1. *Did billy tea and damper at the Australia Day celebrations in down town Sarina. Dished out 10 dampers and a few gallons (13.35 litres) of billy tea.*
2. *Celebrated Founders Day at St Lukes church (also in downtown Sarina) followed by a couple of investitures and a going up ceremony in ANZAC Park.*
3. *Our Assistant Cub Scout Leader and info provider for the Quarterly Scouting Newsletter for Central and Coastal Region has left us for different pastures, but not before Julianne was awarded the Certificate of Merit for doing good things for us in Sarina Scout Group over the past 5 years and a bit.*
4. *Attended the District Swimming Carnival*
5. *Sarina Scout Group manned the driver re-viver stop at Waverly Creek over the Easter Break.*

Lance Hodda, GEO Sarina Group

Bucasia Group

Bucasia Group had two leaders and one scout attend AJ2004 in Adelaide.

Some members of Bucasia Group took part in Clean up Australia and the Mackay District Water Fun Night.

***Di Boucher
Leader in Charge
Bucasia Group***

AJ 2004 "The Ultimate Challenge"

48 members of scouting comprising of 34 youth members and 14 adults from Central and Coastal Region attend Jamboree from 5th to 15th January at the Woodhouse campsite in the Adelaide Hills.

I know they all had a wonderful time and were tired and worn out when they returned home but I am sure they will all hold fond memories of their 10 days at Jamboree.

If you want to know what went on at Jamboree go on line at www.jamboree.scouts.com.au. The explanation of the activities are on the website as well as photos.

M Wallace

Founders Day 2004

Scouts around the world celebrate the birthdays of the founder of the Scout Movement Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Lady Olive Baden-Powell on the 22nd February each year. Founder's Day celebrations for Mackay District Scouts were held at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove with a thanks giving service led by Regional Leader Mary Wallace. Special guests in attendance were Regional Commissioner Central & Coastal Region Mr Bob Hodda, Patron of the Mackay District Association Mr Ray Braithwaite OAM, President of the Mackay District Association Mr Ian Hamilton and Golden Friend of Guiding Mrs Val Hamilton OAM along with members and their families and friends.

Recipients of Adult Recognition Awards for 2004 were announced. Mr Lloyd Brown, Scout Leader Moranbah Group and Mrs Julianne Packer, Assistant Cub Scout Leader Sarina Group have both been awarded a "Certificate of Merit" for Good Service to the Scout Movement.

Mr Neville Ross and Mrs Leonie Ross who are strong supporters of Scouts in Mackay District were presented with "Certificate of Merit" awards, which had been announced last year. The presentations were made by Regional Commissioner Bob Hodda and District Commissioner Margaret Hodda who also took the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Regional Leader Dennis Tuckerman with a 35 Year Service Award.

The Regional Commissioner conveyed his thanks to the Leaders and Support Members for their many years of commitment to the Scout Association..

***M Wallace
Regional Leader***

Websites

If you are after new ideas for activities for your sections and are able to access the internet. It is very easy to find information when you know how.

It is as simple as going to a search engine, I use Google, and in the search I type a simple description of what I am after. Scouts Australia Campfire, the best sites there are:-Australian Scouting Campfire Skits and Grant's Scouting Resources, Songs and Skits. MacScouter is another good one.

If you are after handicraft type in the search, Kids Crafts, Kids Domain is a good site. Type in Enchanted Learning and you will get anything from crafts to sciences, astronomy, birds and animals. <http://www.csiro.au/scientrific/> is another good website.

M Wallace

Australian Scout Medallion Presentation To Dean Salty

*Dean Salty, a scout from Mackay City Central Scout Group, was presented with the Australian Scout Medallion, the highest award that can be **achieved** in the Scout Section, at a special ceremony to mark the occasion, on the 5th December, at the Scout Den in Lagoon Street, with family, friends and fellow scouting members attending.*

Assistant Group Leader, Mr Bruce Miller conducted the official ceremony and presented Dean with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the Mackay City Central Group. Regional Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, Mr Bob Hodda spoke on the significance of the Australian Scout Medallion.

Group Leader, Mackay City Central Group, Mr Brian Harvey, addressed the audience on Dean's Cub Scout history and presented him with the Australian Scout Medallion Cloth Badge. Dean's Ex-Scout Leader Mr Ron Horton outlined Dean's work ethics and leadership skills, stating that Dean was a very keen and dedicated scout who was willing to learn and in turn help younger members in the troop learn, he is very cheerful and understanding and is an excellent role model for the younger scouts. Present Scout Leader Mr Allan Salty, Dean's dad, outlined Dean's scouting history and presented him with his Australian Scout Medallion. Mrs Margaret Hodda, District Commissioner, Mackay District, congratulated Dean on his achievements. Dean responded, and thanked all leaders and fellow scouts who had helped him to achieve his goal. Dean presented his leaders with small gifts of appreciation. He presented his mother, Mrs Judy Salty with a bunch of flowers and his twin sister, Natasha Salty with a bear and thanked them for their support.

Following the presentation, all were invited to a barbeque and cake cutting ceremony, to mark the occasion.

Dean was invested into scouting as a Cub Scout in April 1997. He achieved all three Boomerang Levels along the way and the Yellow Cord Award, which is the highest achievement in the Cub Scout Section. He linked to the Scout Section in February 2000 and became a valuable member of the Panther Patrol. Dean achieved his Pioneer Cord in September 2000, Explorer Cord in August 2001 and Adventurer Cord June 2003. He attended a Scout Leadership Course at Rowallan Park and received his Leadership epaulette in July 2001. Dean was elected at Patrol Council, as Assistant Patrol Leader of Panther Patrol in November 2002 and then as Patrol Leader in June 2003.

To fulfil the requirements of the Leadership Activity, Dean organised a Water Activity Day at Balnagowan on 12th October 2003.

Dean shows a great interest in music and entertainment, and was a member of the "Not So Big Band" which performed on several occasions at scouting and public events in Mackay.

Dean attend the Australian Jamboree in Adelaide from the 5th to 15th January, 2004 .

Dean is now a Venturer Scout in the Mackay City Central Group.

**Compiled by Mary Wallace
from information provided by A Salty, SL, Mackay
City Central**



Parkside Stock take

Regional Commissioner Bob Hodda jumped at the chance when asked if members of scouting would do the stock take at Parkside Building Supplies on Bridge Road on Saturday 31st January 2004, from 7am to 11am. It was a great opportunity to raise much need funds to defray insurance costs associated with Rowallan Park.

24 adults volunteered to work on the day. Some volunteers counted items and others recorded the results. It didn't take long and some of the volunteers were able to go home by morning tea time. Others like myself were last to finish at 11am.

Well done, to all who participated. Thanks to Margaret Hodda who organised the volunteers and their indemnity forms etc.

**Mary Wallace
Regional Leader
Community Relations**

