



### **i** Dates to Remember

17th-18th July Rowallan Park Closed  
24th July Regional Cub Scout Rally  
16th-17th Oct JOTA JOTI

### *News from the Regional Commissioner*

#### *Annual Regional Management Seminar a Success*

Thanks to the people that helped make the Annual Regional Management Seminar (ARMS) a success. With the aid of the modern technology and the information technology people who understand and know how to make it all work the results are better and the presentation much more professional and effective. Lance Hodda, Ray Jones and Dave Brown deserve the credit for this modern presentation, which allows for the Seminar notes and the upgrades to such things as the Regional Calendar, Regional Scout Plan and the Regional Structure to be presented to everyone at the end of the program. I understand these items have been e-mailed to everyone and we will send an old style copy by snail mail to those who do not have an e-mail connection.

Thanks to all of those leaders who gave up their time to come to the Seminar for the good of the youth in our community and to enjoy the fellowship. Barry and Bonnie Spratt as our recently appointed resident caretakers of Rowallan Park had the opportunity to meet with you as they assisted with our Seminar by carrying out the role of caterers. Many thanks to Barry and Bonnie – the food and hospitality were excellent.

#### *Regular Regional Management Meeting*

Thanks to all those leaders who were able to attend the Regular Regional Management Meeting on the Friday evening prior to the Seminar. These meetings are very important to

our operation as a team and sets good example of the Patrol System in action. The Scout Movement is built on the Patrol System from our youth sections to our Group formation, our District formation, Regional and State formations. The management of our Region is the work of all the people within this patrol, working with the other patrols, to deliver the program of training and activities for our youth members benefit, whilst providing self satisfaction from a worthwhile project for the leaders and supporting resource members. Thanks come from the youth members who progress through the award scheme, enjoying themselves, meeting new people and creating new friendships. It's all worth the effort when the results can be measured in growth to the Movement.

#### *New Uniform is now Available*

The new uniform is now available through the Scout Supply Centre at Dixon Street Auchenflower. There is a section on the Scouts Old Website for the Scout Supply Centre and the people in the shop are very pleasant and efficient in the service to the customers. You should drop in and see them when you visit Brisbane next time. Make yourself known to the friendly staff so that they get to put a face to the voice on the phone or the words to the e-mail more so these days. There is a page from the Chief Commissioner, Maurice Law in the latest Group Mailing giving precise details of the new uniform with a diagram overleaf of the location for the badges and other items of regalia on the shirt. I think the new uniform looks smart and look forward to being able to see the whole Region in the new uniform in days to come into the future. The Regional Team has been wearing this new uniform as a "show off" for some time now and I believe it is a classy outfit.

For those that are interested there is also available the squashable hat. We first saw the item when Chief Commissioner Maurice Law visited our Region for Megactivities. He had it squashed flat in his port and in one brisk movement gave it a shake and – presto – one

unwrinkled and well shaped hat was in place on his head. Worth the money – Margaret and I have bought a hat each along with the windcheater that is also available from the Scout Supply Centre.

### *Adventurous Activities Training*

Regional Leaders Dave Brown and Ray Jones have recently attended and successfully achieved the standards required within an adventurous activities course in Rockhampton. This involved studies and a written project prior to attending the practical exercise followed by an examination requiring high standards to gain their certificates recognising their qualifications. I understand that they intend to carry this training further so that the Adventurous Activities will be a full and exciting part in the program delivery to the Movement within the Region. Our thanks are extended to these leaders for their efforts and time away from their families to benefit the youth of our community.

### *JOTA and JOTI 2004*

Ray Jones and Lance Hodda are well advanced with their preparations for JOTA and JOTI this year. I am aware that the main base will be at Rowallan Park with groups invited to camp over the weekend and enjoy the ongoing program. I'm sure they are going to need some help as well. Those interested in helping them should contact them direct. I am aware that a satellite dish is to be installed to enhance the JOTI program and I am also aware that the radio side of the project has been enhanced. I understand that there is some satellite tracking to be displayed as well.

Ray and Lance are keen to involve other centres within the Region, so please contact them and make sure your youth members get to play the game as well. Last year at Rowallan Park was good fun and I believe this year will outstrip last year's performance.

### *Regional Leader Activity Weekend*

I spoke with the Chief Commissioner whilst in Brisbane recently regarding the Regional Leader Activity Weekend with the result that we submit a couple of dates early in the New Year (2005) to stage this activity at Rowallan Park and to incorporate the Cub Scout Implementation Day

which allows Branch Commissioner John Mills the opportunity to introduce the changes to the Cub Scout Section.

I will be following this item up within a short space of time to supply the Chief Commissioner with our selected dates and to include the selected date in our calendar of events. Please provide your suggestions to your District Commissioners as soon as possible. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

### *Regional Contact for Regional Commissioner on Long Holiday*

Margaret and I will be on holidays touring about Australia from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2004 and ARC Wayne Harm will be carrying out the duties of the Regional Commissioner from this date. All matters for the Region should be directed to Wayne whose contact details are listed on the Regional Contact List available on the Central and Coastal Region Website.

For the Regional Leaders who require signatures on forms, or have need to contact me at any time and I am unavailable, please contact Wayne for assistance.

I was unexpectedly away for a period of time recently and arrived home to find a C5 form in the fax machine. The activity had been conducted as programmed and I guess it was presumed I had signed the document.

All leaders should have a signed copy of the C5 prior to leaving on the activity and if I have not responded or you are unable to contact me please contact ARC Wayne Harm and so ensure that all Qld requirements have been met in accordance with the Branch Policy and Rules.

### *The Regional Website is Great*

Have you visited our website? It's a beauty! There are all sorts of information available on the site. Have a browse and discover the wonderful world of information technology.

Lance has done a great job of compiling the Central & Coastal Website and there is quite a lot of information available including the

*individual Groups, Districts and Camp Sites as well as Regional Information such as the Regional Structure, Calendar of Events and copies of the Regional Newsletter.*

*You are able to access information from the Branch Website by simply clicking on the link and follow the prompts. Our Grandchildren have been helping me so if I can do it, you will breeze through it.*

*There have been significant changes to the Website with a new provider and access to the site being made more personal and user friendly. For instance: all of the Regional E-mails now come directly from the website and I am able to access all the member information, youth and adult from the website as is done in most commercial and professional organisations.*

*I understand the service will become better in the near future and we will be able to perform many of the necessary tasks online in the same manner as most business organisations now operate.*

**Bob Hodda, Regional Commissioner**

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

*The Scout Silly Season is now behind us, and what a relief that is. Annual General Meetings, reports and more reports, all kinds of returns...membership, property, financial; charters, partnerships, funding submissions and somewhere in amongst all of this we manage to carry out our normal duties associated with our role. I must admit there were times when I didn't uphold the fifth Scout Law so well and sometimes I really had to focus hard on number eight. Never mind, half the year has passed and the remaining half is just waiting to accommodate the many exciting activities, which appear on our calendar. We will have FUN!*

*Yes it is happening !! The Cub Scout Rally will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at Rowallan Park from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome to go along to see the Cub Scouts in action. I do believe that Joey Scouts are invited also. Di Boucher took the initiative to co-ordinate the event and has rallied the support of*

*other Cub Scout Leaders and Regional Leaders to ensure the day is a success. Past Regional Leader Rob Bowers has been most helpful and this has allowed Di to do a lot of preparation for this event.*

*A reminder that Rowallan Park will be closed on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004 for the Bow hunters Annual Competition. For safety reasons Bow hunters only will have access to the Park during that weekend.*

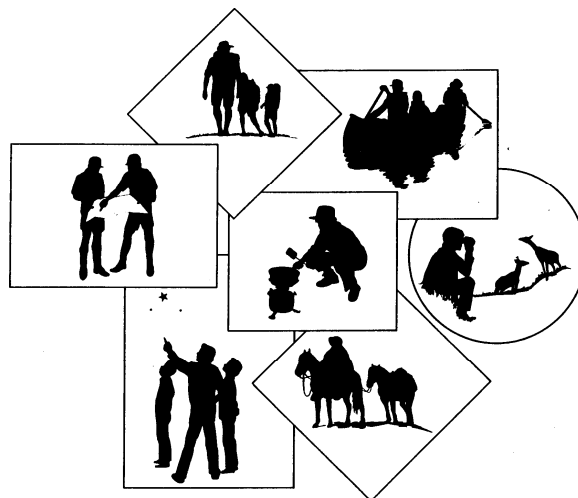
*Rob Bowers is being admitted to the Mackay Base Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004 for hip surgery. I am sure Rob would welcome a visit or phone call from anyone who could spare the time to cheer him up and assist in his recovery. We wish Rob all the best.*

*Regional Leader Marg Barber advised before leaving on holidays that the Scout Leadership Course scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2004 would be postponed due to insufficient applications being received. A new date for the course will be determined and advised accordingly.*

*Keep up the good work in your respective teams. Have fun, keep smiling and until next time "Good Scouting".*

**Margaret Hodda  
District Commissioner  
Mackay District**

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## *Regional Joey Scout News*

The Regional Joey Scout Jaunt/Mob Holiday was held on the 5/6th June 2004. Our themes were Sensations and Under the Sea Adventure. The Jaunt was conducted in base format using "The Senses" as themes of bases. We also had a HOP base (Help Other People) where the Joey Scouts made a gift to be given to the elderly in nursing homes across the region. There was also a Cub Scout Base, and a base where the Joey Scouts crawled through the belly of a snake to see what it had been eating. After the Jaunt we got ready for some more fun and began our "Under the sea adventure" making an aquarium to take home, and having a campfire, and a night walk. Sunday saw us having our Scouts Own and getting involved in some games, and crabby craft and octopus kites. Then it was time for lunch and packing up to get ready to go home.

All you had to do was look at the faces of the Joey Scouts to see they had a great time and lots of FUN! This could not have been achieved but for the hard working Joey Scout Leaders and parent helpers. I didn't get the chance to thank all the leaders personally for a great job well done, so I am saying it now. A big THANK YOU to you all! Also THANK YOU to all the parent helpers who cooked, cleaned, supervised showers and helped with craft. We couldn't do it without you!

It was a great weekend, and I am looking forward to doing it all again next year.

**Wendy Harm, RL Joey Scouts**

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## *Regional Scout Section News*

Regional Scout camp was held weekend of May 21/22/23. We had a fair rollup considering it was only two weeks after Megativities. Approx. 50 scouts, 7 leaders and 1 venturer. The activity bases were orientated around ropes, hence the theme for the camp "HANGING AROUND with ropes." Bases included, rope ladders, repelling, (like abseiling only down a slope), rope bridge, rope creek crossing and prussiking. The patrols rotated around the bases, until they had completed them all. There was also a patrol site competition, which included campsite layout, and cooking a three course meal. These were

judged by the combined leaders present at the camp rotating around to another patrol (not their own), and having a look around and enjoying a wonderful dinner.

The winners of the trophy were Lyre Bird Patrol from Banksia Scout Group. Well done to all the patrols, as they all participated and did a fantastic job. It was a pity there could be only one winner.

Patrols participating were from the groups of Sarina, three from Mackay City Central, Bucasia and Banksia.

**Margaret Barber, RL Scout Section**

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### *Adventurous activities*

A busy term and an even busier one to come. Megativities had myself and RL Ray 'Rahn' Jones putting ropes everywhere.

An aerial runway, a prussic line and a flying kangaroo. The aerial runway was a real hit with most people at Megativities having a go. The prussic line was also very popular with the youth and will no doubt be used many times in the future. The flying kangaroo was not run, as the wind on the final day added an unacceptable risk to the activity.

The regional Scout Camp had the two of us running again with horizontal abseiling, another prussic line, and a creek crossing. "Hanging Around With Ropes?" you betcha!

We both attended Skills 1, 2, & 3 in adventurous activities over the Queens Birthday long weekend and although tired at the end enjoyed the learning and networking experience.

The Banksia Cub Scout Pack has been abseiling at Cape Hillsborough on 2 occasions and has enjoyed it heaps.

The Adventurous Activities Area at Rowallan Park is moving forward. A working bee will be organized in the near future and I would ask for as much help as possible.

There is also a need for a crane or a hiab, if you can help or have any suggestions please call me on 4955 1907.

Next term will see a full program again so you will need to contact me soon if you would like to have your group participate in any adventurous activities.

**Yours in ScOUTing**

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***Banksia Report***

*Banksia Scout Group has again had a very busy term, with plenty of outdoor activities and a lot of recognized achievements.*

*Again this year the Scout Group got together and delivered over 14,000 Telstra Telephone Books over a 2 week period. A big job, but a good fundraiser. The group even ran out of books this year and had to wait for more. Extra books mean extra houses, which mean more children. Could this explain why Banksia has experienced a steady increase in members this past term?*

*Courtney Hegarty is also showing the community spirit we encourage in scouting, Courtney has commenced a pet food collection for the SPCA. Dry food and tins are slowly making it to the den and will be presented to the SPCA in the near future. Any donations will be appreciated.*

*Camps, camps, and more camps.*

*24 members and 2 parents from Banksia Scout Group attended Megativities, a big roll up for a big weekend with many of those attending having attended the ANZAC long weekend camp the weekend before.*

*The Joey Scout Mob attended the Regional Joey Scout Jaunt and it has been reported that their behavior was exceptional. These young people are the future of scouting and are being encouraged to participate in sectional, group, district and regional activities.*

*The Cub Scout Pack held a camp at Cape Hillsborough, which had a distinct Pirate Theme. From treasure hunting to abseiling, from sunshine to rain, yes rain it did all night Saturday night. With abseiling being cancelled on the Sunday due to conditions a further day trip was organized for the first Sunday of the school holidays. This was also a wonderful day. The Scout Troop had three patrols attend the Regional Scout Camp. Lyre Bird patrol, an all female patrol, the winners. With a very young troop it was excellent to see all patrols performing well.*

*To end the term there were many awards presented. Michael Timms received his yellow cord and all members of the scout troop received at least 1 award. There were 30 badges presented on the last troop meeting night with a*

*further 10 to be presented at the start of next term.*

***Jean Brown GL Banksia Group  
Bowen Scout Group***

*Recently 15 people from Bowen Scout group attended a Megativities weekend down at camp Bundaleer Proserpine dam. Some of the activities included fishing, canoeing, making a video, bushcraft, campfire, Scout's own, flying fox, prussiking. We camped in tents*

*About 15 other people came for a period of time. A great time was had by all.*

*Scouts have finished making paper mache worms, which now need to be painted. We have two new Cub Scout and we welcome our two new families to this section. We have three Cub Scouts working towards their silver boomerangs and we hope they enjoy the experience. Joey Scouts went to Rowallan Park Mackay for a Joey Scout Jaunt/ Mob Holiday on 5th and 6th June. Venturer Scouts have recently helped by collecting for the Red Shield Appeal great effort and the Salvation Army say Thankyou. The group has started to collect aluminium cans for fundraising. We are still searching for a Cub Scout leader. Mary-Anne Cowan has accepted the position of Assistant group leader, Bravo and welcome aboard.*

*Until next time Scouting is fun and is for everyone.*

***Rhonda Windsor, Secretary Bowen Group***

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***Chaplain's Corner.***

***From Greg Windsor, Whitsunday District Chaplain.***

***Jelly Bean Prayer.***

*(Give participants Jelly beans before sharing this making sure they do not eat them first)*

*Red is for the blood He gave.*

*Green Is for the grass He made.*

*Yellow is for the sun so bright.*

*Orange is for the edge of night.*

*Black is for our sins so grave.*

*White is for the Grace He gave.*

*Blue is for His hours of sorrow*

*Pink is for our new tomorrow.*

*A bag full of jelly beans  
colourful and sweet  
Is a prayer, is a promise,  
Is a gift complete?*

### **Activity for teaching importance of Rules (EG Scout Law)**

*Have two rows of youth members facing each other, standing on either side of you. (Numbers don't matter, safety first though).*

*Have a ball that you place on the ground in between each row.*

*Tell them you are going to play a game but don't give them any rules.*

*Say GO! Invariably they will go for the ball and when one comes up with it.*

*They are bewildered by what to do next.*

*Ask them "Don't you know this game?"*

*Oh! OK!*

*We'll play another Game. Again, two lines facing each other.*

*This time throw the ball up between them.*

*When one comes up with the ball, confusion reigns again, ask "Don't you know this game?"*

*"What's the problem?" "What's lacking?"  
(Rules)*

*Relate to Scout's Law, "Why are rules important to have in life?" or whatever. Tease out to your own needs.*

*Again two rows facing, except beforehand give each row completely different rules to the game.*

*When confusion reigns, ask, "What's wrong?"  
Different rules of course.*

*"Why is it important for every one to live by the same rules?"*

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### ***Sarina Group***

*Venturer Scouts Aaron Turner and Ian Buchholz went down to the Venture in Rockhampton during the school holidays.*

### **Lance Hodda GEO Sarina Group**

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#### ***Megativities All Sections Camp 2004***

*Whitsunday District hosted the Central and Coastal Region Megativities Scout Camp at Bundaleer Campsite at Lake Proserpine from 1st to 3rd May 2004. The theme of the camp was "Back to Bush Basics". Around 100 youth members and 45 adult members and supporters attended from Whitsunday and Mackay Districts.*

*The recently appointed Chief Commissioner, Queensland Branch, Mr Maurice Law AM, visited the camp on Saturday and had the opportunity to be involved with the activities and meet the youth members and leaders.*

*All youth members of scouting from the six year old Joey Scout to the 26 year old Rover were eligible to attend the Megativities Camp.*

*All who attended had a fun time. Some of the activities that were on offer to the youth members were as follows:- Prussiking, flying fox, compass making, flashing mirrors, short wave receivers, UHF radios, canoeing, fishing, cooking, screen-printing, crafts, bush art, and talent quest (music and video making).*

*Fishing guru Steve Palmer was very popular with the youth members.*

*Thank you to Dennis and Heather Tuckerman for the memorabilia display and quiz.*

*On Saturday night an enjoyable Campfire Ceremony led by Trevor "Doc" Lyall and the "Tall fishing Tales Competition" was held. A "Scouts Own Ceremony" led by Reverend Greg Windsor of Bowen, followed by the screening of the "Talent quest" videos and digital photos that had been taken for the duration of camp and a "Wide Game" (a game of strategy over a wide area) was held on Sunday night. Monday morning's activities were concluded with a hike to the Peter Faust dam wall followed by final parade before departing for home.*

**Mary Wallace**

*Regional Leader Community Relations*

