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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Scouts Australia**  
**Central & Coastal Region**



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**📅 Dates to Remember**

15/16/17th April Regional Scout Camp  
7th May Joey Scout Jaunt, St Helens Beach, Via Calen  
3/4/5th June Annual Regional Management Seminar

*From the Regional Commissioner*

*Time sneaks away on us and I'm sure that the ink is just dry from the last newsletter article when the request for the next one arrives!!*

*Wayne and I attended the Regional Commissioners Conference in Brisbane recently and this time spent was very rewarding. We will be having a Regional Leaders meeting in the near future where we will endeavour to include Group Leaders and Leaders in Charge to brief everyone on the important aspects resulting from this conference that will affect the Groups and Leaders within the Region.*

*Groups and Districts should accept this reminder that the Annual Property Return is due now. I have just completed the Regional Return for posting tonight so I thought I could just remind everyone!*

*For those who may not be aware Mrs Jean Brown has resigned the position of Group Leader with the Banksia Group effective 29th March, 2005. We thank Jean for her contribution to Scouting and the Group whilst we advise that all matters for the Banksia Group will be handled by the Regional Office until the appointment of a replacement Group Leader is confirmed. Please address all matters relating to the Banksia Group to the Regional Commissioner until further notice.*

*With my involvement and that of some of our Regional Team including the Mackay District Commissioner we can say that the Banksia Group is alive and well with good youth membership and dedicated leaders showing some great potential for even stronger membership through retention and growth with the delivery of good programs.*

*Brian Harvey tells me that the Mackay City Central Group is going well but they would like some more*

*leaders and support people. I always think it is a shame that the Scout Youth Membership seems to comprise of so many orphans! I would hope that this subject will be addressed at our forth coming Annual Regional Management Seminar to be mentioned in a later paragraph.*

*Bowen Group has had the pressure off with The Roving Reverend, Greg and his wife Rhonda away on long service leave and travelling the east coast and Tasmania in his converted 22 seater bus which made an excellent mobile home built by themselves. It even has an inbuilt shower and toilet. Hope you are greatly rested and enjoyed your expedition Greg & Rhonda.*

*The Whitsunday Coast Group apparently has plenty of kids with the recruitment of a least one leader. Wendy Row has assumed the Leader in Charge role and we would hope that she is relieved of this position in a short time. It is difficult to carry out the role of two people and deliver constant efficiency to both without some side effects. Again we seek names of people who can be contacted with the purpose of encouraging them to help swell the numbers of effective leaders and resource personnel. Please let Wayne Harm or I know if you are able to suggest a contact!*

*Proserpine Group was recently chartered and all indications are that Greg Walker and his team are working hard to grow the membership and retain the members currently with the Group. Again we realize that leaders and resource personnel are required to help deliver the programs as intended. Any person who can help or supply a name of a person who could help can speak with Greg Walker, Wayne Harm or myself.*

*Bucasia Group now has Nadine Cini as their Group Leader. Welcome Nadine and thanks to Di Boucher who has been the Leader in Charge for a number of years. Di has not gone away and will continue to assist Nadine with the Cub Scout Section. This Group is active in trying to gain their Charter as well as undertaking a substantial fundraising project.*

*Moranbah Group has a significant number of youth members but have a big shortage of leaders. Lloyd*

Brown has retired from his Scout role as did his assistants, Martin Bond and Terry Jansen leaving the Group with no Scout Leaders. Same story, different place!! We need leaders!! Anyone with some leads for potential leaders can contact Janet Brown or one of the Regional Team.

Sarina Group is proudly progressing with the completion of their shed, working overtime at the Waverley Creek Driver Reviver Stop over Easter and having the best web site on the net. I am sure you will enjoy the way they have set up their website and we encourage everyone to have a look and get Lance to help with one for each Group within the Region. And yes, Sarina Group needs leaders and resource personnel too!! It's the same old story!!

I also had the opportunity to have dinner with Lindsay Bone and Allan Salty last Saturday evening as they tried to rest from the labours of conducting an Anchor Badge course at Rowallan Park and the Pioneer River over the last weekend. They had six trainees who still seemed happy and full of energy after a full day of training. They were busy lighting a campfire following the meal and it looks like they may have required two boxes of matches instead of the normal two matches following about 20mm of rain overnight. Seems Allan Salty was down on his supply of the starting sticks when a bright young lad produced some hexamine tablets. The District Commissioner Margaret Hodda, Bonnie and Barry Spratt were also guests and produced the meal as well. Many thanks to them for a wonderful meal and to Lindsay and Alan for their contributions to a successful and rewarding weekend.

Please keep the weekend of 4th & 5th June noted for the Annual Regional Management Seminar (ARMS) to be held at Rowallan Park. We will possibly hold our normal Regional Management Meeting on Friday evening, 3rd June as we did last year. The ARMS will take a slightly different format this year with the attendance of The Chief Commissioner, Mr Maurice Law in attendance for the entire meeting which will include a District and Regional Leaders conference led by the Chief on Saturday. We will require all District Commissioners and Regional Leaders to be present on the Friday evening for our normal meeting and again on Saturday for the meeting with the Chief.

The Group Leaders and Leaders in Charge plus any other District Leaders will be invited to join the Seminar at approximately 5.00pm for pre-dinner drinks, the evening meal and subsequent sessions planned for Saturday and Sunday. This is a most important meeting where I would encourage all to

attend so that the Groups and the Region can benefit from the effort expended and the knowledge to be gained and applied for success into the future.

Good Scouting and lots of fun!!

*Bob Hodda*

*Regional Commissioner*

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*A word (or two) from the District*

*Commissioner*

I have spoken to a number of people recently who have been experiencing some difficulties with time management. I thought it was only me with the problem but it seems I am not alone. The first school term and Easter is already behind us and I am hearing comments such as "We didn't seem to accomplish all that we hoped to". This happens but don't despair. Remember that the **past** is history but we can maximize the **present** and embrace the **future** and I know interesting activities are already being arranged for the months ahead.

I would like to acknowledge some individual achievements which have resulted this year. Proserpine Leader Lloyd Fox and Mackay City Central Leader Gary Wrench completed their Leadership Training 3 Course.

Banksia Scout Trent Lamb and Mackay City Central Scouts Hamish Auld, Sarah Blakey, Reece Smith, Steven Blackburn and Craig Schurmann have earned their Anchor Badge for canoes. Lindsay Bone was the Course Instructor with Allan Salty as co-pilot. Mackay City Central Scout Mitchell Hargreaves has earned the Australian Scout Medallion and will be presented with the award at a ceremony later this month.

Congratulations are due to these people who have taken advantage of available training opportunities, to further develop their individual knowledge and skills.

Skills Training 1 and 2 Courses are coming up on 28th and 29th May 2005 at Rowallan Park. This is open to eligible Leaders in all Sections. The closing date for applications to reach Scouts Queensland is Friday 13th May 2005. Remember the course fee must accompany the application. All Leaders in training, regardless of previous courses completed, are eligible to attend Skills Training 1. However, only those Leaders who have completed Leadership Training and Skills Training 1 will be eligible to attend Skills Training 2.

Leadership Training and Skills Training 1 can be completed in any order. Skills Training 2 and 3 and Wood Badge Training 1,2 and 3 must be completed in sequence.

The date for the Spiritual Development Course scheduled for Friday 7th September has been changed to Friday 9th October 2005. This course runs for two and a half hours on Friday night and will provide some great ideas for incorporating the Duty to God aspect of the Scouting Fundamentals into our programs. It is also a first for our Region so let's get in early with applications and make it a good one. Iain Furby is coming up to lead the course and you will find his sessions most enjoyable. His articles in the Scout About Newsletter are well worth reading and the February one contains a powerful message.

A reminder to all, that bookings for Johnstone Lodge/kitchen/training room facilities at Rowallan Park require a \$30 deposit in order to secure the booking. All camp fees are to be paid to Caretakers Bonnie and Barry prior to departure from the campsite. It is the responsibility of all users of the Park to inform the Caretakers of their arrival and departure.

Keep up the good work, have fun, be happy and until next time "Good Scouting".

Margaret Hodda  
District Commissioner  
Mackay District

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### *Vanuatu Update*

It is only nine weeks until our group from Central and Coastal head out across the Pacific for ten days of fellowship, service, fun, learning and discovering new friends. Our numbers have dropped to around 24 members however I'm sure we will have one of our life experiences. We now depart on Monday 20 June and return to Mackay on Friday 1 July. We also get to see a performance of the Brisbane Gang Show on the Thursday night.

Our major focus at the moment is fundraising; our kitty stands at \$ 3847.60, which will already make a difference to our final price. We have a Cent Sale planned for May14 at the Southwest Mackay Neighbourhood Centre, so please earmark it in your diary. Our other continual fundraiser is helping out at Woolworth's Andergrove on a Saturday for a couple of hours. All it requires is for us to turn up in uniform and

help pack the trolleys. You meet plenty of interesting people and tons of old scouts! The dates allocated to us are April 9; April 30; May 21 and June 11. Please give us a hand if you are able.

Jane Mumford  
Regional Leader Special  
Activities



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### *Annual Aquatastics Night*

Scouts from Mackay City Central, Bucasia, Banksia and Sarina Groups took part in a water fun night at the Victoria Park School Swimming Pool on Saturday 26th February. Approximately 65 youth members and 25 leaders and many parents and supporters gathered to cheer on their teams.

Each scout group was identified by a different colour and the very noisy at times cheer squad for each group added to the atmosphere. Youth members were asked to bring their own bubble mixture and many bubbles large and small were floating over the spectators in the stands.

The competitions were in relay form and were contested in the scouting sections. There were rescue races, hold your breath the longest underwater, retrieving objects from the bottom of the pool, and whatever swimming style that would get you there the fastest.

Everyone enjoyed the fun night of activities.

PS. It was very pleasing to see the spirit and enthusiasm displayed with the cheer squads on the night. There was a beautiful Venturer with her blue parasol, a leader with very short blue hair, blue (red-haired) Cub Scout with a blue wig and skirt, not forgetting the four lovely ladies with the green wigs and grass skirts. I was a little worried about one of them, it didn't look as if she had shaved her legs in a good while and the boots she was wearing weren't fashionable either. If anyone would like evidence I do have photos. There were many with coloured hair and some with coloured beards.

Mary Wallace  
Regional Leader Community Relations

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*To All Scout Patrols  
An Invitation to  
"DO YOUR BEST"  
(and have fun)*

*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  
15/16/17 April 2005*

- *4 ACTIVITY BASES ( 1 hour each)*
  - *Mega wide game*
  - *Photo shoot*
  - *FUN CAMPFIRE*

*DON'T MISS OUT, LET YOUR LEADER  
KNOW THAT YOUR PATROL WANTS  
TO  
"DO YOUR BEST"  
AND JOIN THE FUN*

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### *Regional Joey Scout Section*

*The Joey Scout planning meeting was held on the 5th March with a good attendance from most mobs. Our Mob Holiday this year is held on the 18th and 19th June at Rowallan Park with a Circus Theme. Lots of ideas swam around the room amongst the leaders and we finally decided on a program and menu. I feel we are going to have a fantastic weekend.*

*We also discussed our Joey Scout Jaunt and dates. We have decided to leave it on the 7th May and will be going to St Helens beach near Calen to be fair to both districts as it is in between. A Castaways theme was decided. Should be great fun.*

*Well, that's it from me. Look forward to seeing you all soon.*

*Wendy Harm*

*RL Joey Scouts*

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### *Bucasia Scout Group*

*Bucasia Scout Group have had a busy but exciting start to the year. Three transfers and one new Cub Scout and three new scout members, bringing a total of twenty six youth members. Clean up Australia Day saw seven youth members four leaders and two parents help clear a total of four large bags of rubbish from Shoal Point beach in two hours. On Saturday 12th and Sun 13th March, 12 youth members attended a group camp held at Cape Hillsborough along with three leaders and two parent helpers. The setting of a pirate theme and activities based on the theme and surroundings including, treasure hunts, flag designing, exploring caves and swimming was a hoot for the boys. Rain did not stop these enthusiastic boys. A hike organised by Park Ranger Ross gave them all an opportunity to see native fauna and flora in a wet tropical atmosphere. Wednesday 16th March 5 Joey Scouts surprised the Cub Scouts with a pack-attack and they then joined in with the St Patrick Day activities. On the 21st March the Joey Scouts finished their Easter activities and completed their compost for environment month. The Cub Scout pack finished with an Easter program and presentation of badges to new Sixers and Seconds and boomerang badges were also presented. The Scout troop concluded the term with a fun night activity and some badge work and discussion on Region Scout Camp.*

*Rikki Group Leader  
Bucasia Group.*



## *Sarina Scout Group*

Sarina had the official opening of the Groups new storage shed and disabled amenities by Member for Mirani Ted Malone on the 13 December last year. The facilities were made possible from a grant from the Community Benefit Gaming Fund.

At the same time the Group was presented with their Group Charter by the RC, ARC, DC and Mayor of Sarina Councilor Kevin Morgan.

The Group kick started the Scouting year with a 4 day Group camp in January. The Group camped at Rowallan Park and participated in a mixture of onsite and off site activities. It was the first camp for 3 new Cub Scouts. Word is that the 2 new female Cub Scouts were up dressed and ready to go at 4.00am on their first morning out. They didn't want to be late for anything.

The group participated in the District swimming carnival and also attended a Founders Day service in Sarina.

Sarina Scout Group has once again manned the Driver Reviver Stop at Waverley Creek over the Easter Break. They were there from 10:00am Thursday through to 6:00pm Monday feeding tea, coffee and biscuits to the multitude of travelers who stopped in for a break and a chat.

*Lance Hodda*

*GEO Sarina Scout Group*



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## *Proserpine Scout Group*

The Cub Scout section has a new leader (Alex Farrell) and assistant leader (Roger Madsen). They are both feeling their way with Alex having Sea Scout Leader experience in Western Australia.

There are 13 Cub Scout members.

The Scout section has Helen Keen as an assistant leader with Lloyd Fox being the leader and Lloyd recently completed LT 3.

There are 11 Scout members.

The group participated in the clean up Australia Day in Proserpine with everybody enjoying themselves and we received a big thanks from the organisers, the Whitsunday Quota Club.

The group is to clean up the rubbish following the home Proserpine Rugby League Games this season for \$50 a game. This job takes about 1 hour on Sunday mornings following the Saturday night game.

*Greg Walker*

*Group Leader Proserpine Group*

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## *Bowen Scout Group*

(Greg sent in this news item in January prior to setting off on his holiday)

Our Group went to Pick Handle Reserve for Jota. This reserve is just off the Road to Collinsville where Pickhandle Creek and the Bogie River merge (Not that there was any water in either of them). The creek bed was the perfect place for activities. We constructed a rope bridge and used it for various activities. As there was a total fire ban a torch with red paper served as a camp fire. All sections attended as well as some parents. We made contact with a number of other groups both here in Australia and one or two over seas. Thanks to Eric and Dulcie who set up their radio. The kids found a turtle under a tree buried in the damp sand, still alive.

Rhonda and I are on Long service leave and return at the end of April.

*Eagle, Greg Windsor.*

*Group Leader, Bowen Scout Group*

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## *Toads*

The toads at Rowallan Park must be doing high jump training. A leader told me there was a toad in the toilet bowl. I wouldn't believe it until I actually saw it, and sure enough it was a toad and I removed it. Toads don't usually jump that high. Believe me we have lots of toads around at home and I have never before seen one in the downstairs toilet.



Another theory is maybe it got into the septic system and has swum around the S bend.

*Mary Wallace*

## *Chaplains Corner*

### *Imagine*

*John Lennon*



*Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today...*

*Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace...*

*Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can*

*No need for greed or hunger  
In a brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world...*

*You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us  
And the world will be as one*

*Youth Group Reflection and Discussion—Imagine (45-60 minutes)  
(ages 14 upward)*

*You will need:*

- 1. a candle*
- 2. pens and notepad (or whiteboard/butchers paper)*
- 3. CD Player and John Lennon's Imagine song*
- 4. copies of the picture above either on paper or overhead (you will then need an overhead projector)*
- 5. copies of the prayers.*

*Reflection:*

- Have the youth group sit in a circle.*
- Lower the lights and place a candle in the centre of group.*
- Ask the group to relax and forget about the week just past and the week coming up.*
- Pray the following prayer: (you may want to provide a copy for everyone to read out loud)*

*"On Seeing Another's Sorrow"*

*Lord, forgive me for becoming accustomed to looking at children who appear to be eight years old when they are already thirteen.  
(brief silence)*

*Forgive me for becoming accustomed to sloshing through mud puddles, which I can leave behind me- they cannot.  
(brief silence)*

*Forgive me for learning to shut out the smell of open sewers, which I can leave behind me- they cannot.  
(brief silence)*

*Forgive me for turning on my lights automatically, forgetting those who have no lights to turn on.  
(brief silence)*

*Forgive me for telling them "Man cannot live by bread alone..." without joining them in their struggle for bread.  
(brief silence)*

*Lord, I want to love them for who they are-  
Help me;  
I dream of dying for them-  
Help me to live for them;  
I want to be with them when the light breaks through-  
Help me.  
Amen.*

Prayer was written by Fr. Carlos Mujica who was assassinated in May 1974 for his work against injustice. (Taken from *Your Will Be Done*, published by CCA Youth, 1984. Pg. 11)

After the prayer give each person a copy of the above picture, or place it on an overhead projector. Play the Imagine song, or read out loud the lyrics.

Discussion:

(You may wish to write down the answers to the questions)

- Begin with asking for general comments about the song.
- What is the song asking us to Imagine?
- Why would it be hard to Imagine what the song proposes?
- Is it harder or easier to Imagine these things at Christmas time?
- Are there people in the world who have no possessions? Who are hungry? Who experience the bad effects of greed? (you might like to read the lyrics in verse 3 out again)
- Who are those in Australia who “have not”?
- Who are the young people in Australia who “have not”?
- How can we help those who “have not”? (here is an opportunity for the youth group to take some positive action: they could do some type of fundraising for the “Christmas Bowl Appeal”, prayer, raise awareness of those who “have not” through drawing posters, or writing their own Christian lyrics to the Imagine song).
- Close by playing the song again, and then pray together the following prayer (you will have to provide a copy of this prayer to your youth):

*One: This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*All: How can we rejoice? We have brothers and sisters, all over the country, who must face issues, which may affect their rejoicing.*

*One: This is a day of opportunity; a time to remember all those people who face oppression and exploitation of various kinds.*

*All: A time to be challenged to greater action and service, to improve the conditions of all who cry out for justice.*

*One: This is not only a day for rejoicing, but a day to seek the truth and face the truth; a day when we must not turn away into comfortable enclaves of silence.*

*All: It is a day of hope that the truth will set the people free.*

*Yes, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

## *Recipes*

At the Regional Leader Activity Weekend earlier this year a few leaders had a quick round table discussion on easy recipes. Here is a copy of these recipes.

**Pigs in blankets-** Chipolatas in Puff Pastry.

**Toad on the Road** – Up market version of toad in the hole but add a slice of tomato to simulate “Guts”

**Flying saucers** – take a hash brown take scoop of savoury mince and put in centre of hash brown cover with grated cheese pop under the grill.

**Sweet version** – Pineapple ring with marshmallow and melt the marshmallow under grill and then cool and add ice-magic.

**Ice-cream cone cakes** – Three quarter fill ice-cream cones with cake mix and cook. Ice and sprinkle with hundreds and thousands or make clown faces.

**Smors-** Two chocolate wheaten biscuits with two toasted marshmallows in between.

**Marshmallow lollipops** – take a number of marshmallows and thread them on a skewer, dip in chocolate and allow to set.

**Damper Dog** -Make damper mix. Place a Cheerio on the end of a water soaked skewer, and cover the cheerio with damper mix. Place on a rack and cook over coals turning often.

