



# NEWSLETTER

## Scouts Australia Central & Coastal Region



Editor Mary Wallace

### 📅 Dates to Remember

2006 Megactivities Camp May Day Weekend  
29th 30th April & 1st May 2006 at Rowallan Park

### Recognition Awards

The following awards were announced on World Scout Day on the 1st August. Maurice Law, The Chief Commissioner Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch presented the Awards to the recipients at ceremonies in Proserpine, Bowen and Mackay on the 8th October and Moranbah on the 9th October 2005.

Certificates of Merit for Good Service were presented to:-

Tracey Auld, Youth Program Support Adult Support Member, Mackay District  
Nadine Cini, Group Leader, Bucasia Scout Group  
Jennifer Connors, Youth Program Support Adult Support Member, Sarina Scout Group  
Shannon Lean, Youth Program Leader Scouts, Bucasia Group,  
Robyn McCurry Youth Program Support Adult Support Member, Moranbah Group  
Wendy Rowe, Youth Program Leader Cub Scouts, Whitsunday Coast Group  
Deborah Rutherford, Youth Program Leader Cub Scouts Mackay City Central Group  
Christopher Sanzaro, Youth Program Leader Venturer Scouts, Mackay City Central Group  
Gregory Walker, Group Leader, Proserpine Scout Group

Silver Arrowhead Awards for Excellent Service were presented to:-

Wendy Harm, Youth Program Support, Regional Leader Joey Scout Section, Central and Coastal Region  
Brian Harvey, Group Leader Mackay City Central Group,  
Christopher (Tim) Johnson, Group Leader Sarina Scout Group  
Beverly White, Youth Program Leader Joey Scouts, Bowen Scout Group  
Gregory Windsor, Group Leader Bowen Scout Group

Silver Wattle Award for Outstanding Service was presented to  
Raymond Jones, Youth Program Support Regional Leader Activities, Central and Coastal Region.

Silver Koala Award for Distinguished Service was presented to  
Margaret Barber, Youth Program Support Regional Leader Scouts, Central and Coastal Region.

Congratulations to you all and keep up your good work in scouting.



### - Regional News -

Having just come back from the Regional Conference, there are a few items of interest that I feel a few groups need to know about.

1. **Chartering:** A couple of groups within the region as yet, have not obtained charter status. A number of groups are now due for their second charter. At the conference it was noted that groups that have been chartered have a much more efficient operation and have definitely achieved a lot by doing so. (So please endeavour to have these groups chartered ASAP)
2. **QBSI:** These will be available in the new year on disc for all groups and leaders.
3. **One State Bank:** If your group has not changed over to the one state bank please endeavour to have it done by the 31st March 2006.
4. **Computerisation:** For those interested the database at Branch Headquarters is now operating, through this, programs, activities etc. can now be down loaded.

*The above items are ones that I feel are of importance to all members.*

*At present Bob and Margaret are on a well deserved holiday and have entrusted myself to look after the region. I'd like to thank the Group Leaders who have been assisting me with this task. (Fingers crossed no dramas so far)*

*It is with much regret that we have had to bid farewell to Ray Jones, Regional Leader, Special Activities, as he has taken up a new position at Win TV in Cabourture. Margaret Barber is soon to follow once their house at Shoal Point is sold. We would like to thank them for their time and commitment that they have devoted to scouting in the Central and Coastal Region.*

***Don't forget Megativities is proposed for the May long weekend next year at Rowallan Park. Please put this in your diary.***

*In closing as this is the last newsletter for this year both Wendy and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.*

***Wayne Harm***  
***Assistant Regional***  
***Commissioner***  
***Central and Coastal Region***



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## ***Joey Scout Section***

*I was invited to attend Banksia Joey Scout Mob Holiday to Seonee Park Rockhampton, to help run the activities.*

*Banksia Joey Scouts joined with Joey Scouts from Mt Archer, Yeppoon, Craignish and Warripari.*

*The program had a "Sun Smart" theme. Some items involved in the program were: bookmarks, stained glass star, bead sun catcher, sunglasses, shopping bag kites, bubbles, sun shadow shapes, water game activities, sun hats, campfire, games.*

*It was a fabulous weekend.*

*Whitsunday Coast Joey Scouts took part in the Fantasea Reef Festival street parade held in Airlie Beach on Saturday afternoon 12th November. They organised a float for the parade and had lots of fun.*

***Wendy Harm,***  
***Regional Leader Joey Scouts***

## ***Rowallan Park Envirofund Project***

*Hi everyone! Do you have a little spare time? If so Rowallan park could use some help. We are well on the way to completing the Envirofund Project, but we still require some assistance. There are several parts of the project that require some man hours to complete. This need not be hours on end. If you have just a couple spare there are things that you can do to help. The project entails creating a biodiversity/cultural walk through the park using the existing tracks. There has been a lot of work put in to identify flora and fauna and the differing cultural values including the South Sea Islanders, Aboriginal, Land owners and Scouting history. All these things relate to the cultural history of Rowallan Park. There is also an educational part to the grant that will see the running of environmental programmes for both scouting and non scouting youth/adults. This is an exciting project that will see long term benefits available to all of our scouting personnel. Do you have an interesting story about your time at Rowallan Park? If you do please write it down and forward it to Jo Brzozowski we are trying to collect stories about the park.*

***Jo Brzozowski***  
***Environmental Fund Project Supervisor***

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## ***Banksia Scout Group***

*Banksia has just celebrated our first Grey Wolf award with Matthew Timms just beating Ryan Lamb to the post. There are several more Cub Scouts racing to the finish line. The Cub Scouts are again on their way to camp, with Cape Hillsborough the destination this time. The scouts not to be outdone have just had several interesting programmes run by the scouts who attended the leadership course. There was a monopoly night, an environmental night with guest speaker, a trip to the ambulance station and mock emergencies, and a knot a thon. These scouts are all showing the way to go and fun was had by all. The next camp for the scouts is a service camp for the envirofund at Rowallan Park. The Joey Scouts are just about to complete their mob buddy badge with the final activity being a visit to their mob buddies in Rockhampton. The Joey Scouts have been working on their badge for several months with the internet being used effectively they have been sending pictures to each other having the same programme on the same night and completing other challenges the culmination being a camp at Seonee park on the weekend.*

*PS The weekend of the 11th November saw the Banksia Joey Scouts attend a Joey Scout Mob Holiday in Rockhampton at Seonee Park with their Mob Buddies Mt Archer. Yeppoon and Warripari Joey's also attended. The theme for the weekend was "Sun Smart." The Joey Scouts participated in a sunscreen hunt made kites and hats as well as sun catchers. The most popular activity was a water bomb fight that saw Wattle (Mt Archer) and Perra (Banksia) extremely wet. The Joey Scouts took great delight in making sure that there was not a dry spot on either leader. Catch the raindrop came a close second. The Joey Scouts had a great time at campfire teaching each other their favourite songs. Sunday dawned fine and clear and the Joey Scouts enjoyed a picnic race day finishing with lunch before travelling back to Mackay.*

*Mt Archer Joey Scouts will be travelling to Mackay in the New Year to work on their Environment Challenge with the Banksia Joey Scouts. We can't wait.*

**Jo Brzozowski**  
**For Banksia Scout Group**

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## *Sarina Scout Group*

*Sarina Group had a combined Cub Scout, Scout and Venturer Scout meeting on the 1 August to celebrate World Scout Day. A going up ceremony for 3 Cub Scouts followed by a sausage sizzle was to be held at Apex Park in Sarina to promote the Group and Scouting to the community. However it was a rather wet day (not that anyone complained) and the festivities were changed to the Sarina Scout den. In all we had about 45 youth members, parents and leaders attend. It was a very pleasing response. Three Cubs Scouts received their Yellow Cords and advanced to Scouts. As well GL Tim Johnson was presented with his Silver Arrow Head and Jenny Connors (Fundraising Co-ordinator) with her certificate of Merit. Both were well deserving of their respective awards.*

*We had a Group Camp over the JOTA / JOTI Weekend. It was a very busy weekend. Everyone appeared to have an enjoyable time and went home tired (especially the Leaders and Parent Helpers).*

*The Group Breakup is on Sunday 12 November. The Committee decide to have it a bit earlier this year, as social calendars tend to become very busy in December.*

**Lance Hodda**  
**For Sarina Scout Group**

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## *Proserpine Scout Group*

*The scouting year is nearing an end with the group committee organizing our break up Xmas party (including a visit from Santa) for early December. The Cub Scouts and Scouts had a combined camp at Cape Hillsborough resort Friday 4th and Saturday 5th November 2000. It was well attended by youth members and parents, with everyone having a fun time. The Australian Jamboree is approaching and the scout parents have commenced fundraising by creating a 100 number board with a \$100 drawn each week until Xmas, \$2 a number.*

**Greg Walker Group Leader**  
**Proserpine Scout Group**

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## *Bowen Scout Group*

*The year is almost at an end and it is time to look towards next year. We are seeking people who are interested in becoming leaders and members of Scouts Australia. A sign on weekend will be conducted in the New Year so keep a lookout in the Bowen Independent for further info.*

*Our main activities to date have been out regular Friday night's where we prepared for both the Lions Festival and the Billy cart race. It was sad to see only 5 Billy carts on the day. Bowen Scout Group issues a challenge to the youth of Bowen and anyone who can help to be at the 2006 Festival Billy Carts races and really make it an interesting event.*

*Group Leader Greg Windsor and Joey scout Leader Bev White received the Silver Arrow Award from Queensland Chief Scout Maurice Law. This award is not only in recognition of work done with scouting but also for activities within the community*

*A Group Camp and Breakup will complete the year's activities, which is usually a lot of fun.*

*If you are interested in Scouting Contact me, Greg Windsor, on 47861078.*

**Greg Windsor Group Leader**  
**Bowen Scout Group**

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## *Jota & Joti*

*Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) was held for Scouting and Guiding members, worldwide on the weekend of the 15th and 16th October 2005. Approximately 130 members of Scouting from Central and Coastal Region were at Rowallan Park for the weekend. Members of Guides Australia made good use of the radios and computers as well.*

*Mr Ray Jones, Regional Leader, Special Activities, coordinated activities at Rowallan Park to join the worldwide radio and internet link up.*

*Mr Wally Douglas and Mr Bruce Lenahan and other members from the Amateur Radio Club manned the radios for the youth members and leaders to communicate with other groups worldwide.*

*Many radio contacts were made, some of them being, Coffs Harbour, Albury, Christchurch NZ, and Eastern USA.*

*Jamboree on the Internet was very popular with the youth members. Contacts were made within Australia and overseas, some of them being Malaysia, Indonesia, Holland, Germany, England, New Zealand, and California. The Internet was connected courtesy of Telstra Country wide by a satellite link as there is no phone lines available for a landline.*

*A special email address was created for the weekend's activity and emails were received from scouts in Saudi Arabia and Berri Cub Scouts in South Australia.*

*Many of the Scouting and Guiding members took the opportunity to camp in tents overnight at Rowallan Park.*

*The activities were enjoyed by all who attended..*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Regional Leader**  
**Community Relations**

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*The following news item arrived after I published the last newsletter. Jane was somewhat frustrated with modern technology at the time so I have included it in this newsletter*

## *Vanuatu 2005*

*It's hardly believable that our trip is all over. The months of planning, fundraising and emailing are all behind us now and all we are left with is the memories..ahh but what memories!*

*I know that there will be a few stories told of the trip in this edition of the newsletter (now last edition) so I don't think I will head in that direction, as organiser I am going to take the liberty of telling the true story of Vanuatu 2005.*

*On Monday 20 June I had the honour of joining 24 members from Central and Coastal Regional Scouts on a trip of a lifetime to Vanuatu. The trip was touted as being 10 days of fellowship, support, sponsorship, scouting and fun, but I'm not too sure many of us at the airport that morning really knew what lay ahead of us. What we did experience on the trip was unique to all of us, we did the tourist bit, ate well (especially if you were in room 5), ran a few scout programmes, visited a couple of schools, learnt a song, enjoyed great fellowship, plastered a wall or two, and met some wonderful people. Indeed the next ten days were an amazing blend of cultural awareness, friendship, emotions, learning, teaching, laughter, singing, worship, service, scouting and humility. It is easy to show all of you the photos and tell of our exploits but I believe it is truly difficult to express our experiences to any that weren't with us.*

*What I can express to those of you who were unable to be with us is the fact you should be mighty proud of the group who represented our region. A group ranging in age from 11 years to retirement, a group with numerous different careers and life experiences and a group with a great diversity of personalities. Each member of our group upheld their scout promise and law to the max, enjoyed each others company, looked after each other's welfare, had fun and above all expressed the true meaning of scouting where ever they went. Tim, Judy, Nathan, Greg, Wendy, Wayne, Tash, Dean, Chris, Brett, Ian, Harry, Nikki, Mindy, Jacob, Scott, Turtle, Marg, Ray, Mary, Di, Louis and Peter I thank you.*

*Our trip was only the beginning of our relationship with the people of Vanuatu. Whilst we were there Central and Coastal Scouts made a promise of continued support to the Scouts of Vanuatu. In reality*

*this is huge commitment, but I am sure we are all up to the task.*

*Lastly I thank Judy Salty for all the hard work she put in on the fundraising committee, Judy was the only one on the committee that didn't get to go to Vanuatu and we certainly appreciate her support.*

*Stay safe and thanks for the memories (and my beautiful PIG)*

**Jane Mumford**  
**Regional Leader**  
**Major Activities**

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## *From the Chaplain*

**Subject:** *To get you thinking.*

*In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke, it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.*

*Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like this happen?" (Regarding the attacks on Sept. 11.) Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response.*

*She said "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"*

*In light of recent events... terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.*

*Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school the Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.*

*Then Dr Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.*

*Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.*

*Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW." Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.*

*Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.*

*Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace. Are you laughing?*

*Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they WILL think of you for sending it. Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.*

*Pass it on if you think it has merit. If not then just discard it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in!*

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## *Special Childrens Christmas Party*

*Once again leaders and some youth members will be doing a good turn by working at the Special Children's Christmas Party as Ooralea Racecourse on Monday 21st November at 5pm.*

**Seasons  
Greetings**

