



NEWSLETTER
Scouts Australia
Central & Coastal Region



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📅 Dates to Remember

16th-17th Sept Annual Regional Management Seminar
23rd Sept 9am – 3pm Working Bee Bundaleer Campsite
15th Oct Enviro Working Bee Rowallan Park
21st Noon-11am 22nd Oct JOTA & JOTI Rowallan Park

From the Regional Commissioner

Two thirds of the year has passed us by at what seems a terribly fast rate of speed. Soon be Christmas. New challenges and expectations?

However, Scouting is still a lot of fun for youth members and adults alike. We need to keep Scouting challenging, moving fast and increasing the youth members' expectations! Program delivery is the key to success! Good program delivery results in high achievers in the Group with contented Leaders embraced with the rewards of self satisfaction.

It does not matter whether every youth member in the Group wishes to participate in the Award Scheme but it does matter that every youth member gets the results of what they want to get out of Scouting – that they are enjoying themselves and wanting to come back time after time.

Parents want to see value for their money. If the program delivery is not meeting the high standard expected by the Movement and the families then the parents question the value of their investment. This is an important area where we can lose members or enhance our growth.

Leaders of Groups who have happy active Scouting members are happy Leaders and enjoy the youth members' achievements whether it is from enjoying themselves from the mate-ship or from the achievements of the challenges offered by good program delivery based on the Award Scheme.

Success will follow success. Successful people in Groups are happy people and happy people attract others. This outward observation by those watching from the sideline enhances the Group image to attract support people for our additional Leaders and to

attract people onto our Group Committees and Resource Committees.

Another good public relations rule that is probably as old as time, is to make sure everyone who comes in contact with the Group or Region is made to feel welcome and comfortable. People like to be noticed and most like to be given some responsibility which results in a meaningful task. We end up with a happy dedicated person who becomes an ambassador for our Group/Region/Movement.

And talking about recognition, we have our Adult Recognition Awards to be presented by the Chief Commissioner, Mr Maurice Law on October 31st 2006 in Mackay. This is good for the Movement and the individuals as it publicly recognizes the effort and time they have given to the community in the interest of the young people and their future.

We have another plus for the records in that a Recognition Award is to be presented to The Rotary Club of Mackay Inc for their services to Mackay Scouting and Rowallan Park dating back into the 1930's. The Award is a first nationally and could even be an international first. Awards are usually for the individual whereby this one is to be presented by the Chief Commissioner to the Club in recognition of their efforts performed by many different people, from all walks of life over a tremendous period of time.

We are fortunate that we have Clubs such as the Rotary Club of Mackay who have such a keen interest in Scouting and the young people within the community. This is a partnership unsurpassed within the Region. We record our thanks in recognition of the assistance offered to us as we achieve results expected of us by the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, keep smiling and be happy in your role.

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

2006 World Scout Day Adult Recognition Awards

<i>Rotary Club of Mackay</i>			<i>Outstanding Service Award</i>
<i>Leon, Lyn</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform</i>	<i>Bucasia Group</i>	<i>Silver Koala</i>
<i>Tuckerman, Heather</i>	<i>YPS RL Special Duties</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Silver Koala</i>
<i>Kearns, Joseph</i>	<i>ASM Quartermaster</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Silver Wattle</i>
<i>Lean, Lyn</i>	<i>YP AL Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Mky City Central</i>	<i>Silver Wattle</i>
<i>Mumford, Jane</i>	<i>YPS RL Activities</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Silver Wattle</i>
<i>Windsor, Rhonda</i>	<i>YP L Joey Scouts</i>	<i>Bowen Group</i>	<i>Silver Wattle</i>
<i>Wright, Sandra</i>	<i>YP AL Scouts</i>	<i>Mky City Central</i>	<i>Silver Wattle</i>
<i>Hamilton, Ian</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Hodda, Trevor</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Johnson, Judy</i>	<i>YP AL Venturer Scouts</i>	<i>Sarina Group</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Parchert, Neville</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Chairman</i>	<i>Sarina Group</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Salty, Allan</i>	<i>YP L Scouts</i>	<i>Mky City Central</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Tomlinson, Brett</i>	<i>YP L Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Sarina Group</i>	<i>Silver Arrowhead</i>
<i>Alcorn, John</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Treasurer</i>	<i>C&C Region Executive</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Befays, Darryl</i>	<i>YP AL Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Banksia Group</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Duffy, Michelle</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Secretary</i>	<i>Sarina Group</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Gray, Donald</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Chaplain</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Keen, Helen</i>	<i>YP L Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Proserpine Group</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Miller, Bruce</i>	<i>YP AL Scouts</i>	<i>Mky City Central</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Sim, Robert</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Administration</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Sutherland, Gregory</i>	<i>ASM Non Uniform Resources</i>	<i>C&C Region</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>
<i>Wilson, Merline</i>	<i>YP AL Cub Scouts</i>	<i>Sarina Group</i>	<i>Certificate of Merit</i>

Congratulations to all on being recognised for their awards. Keep up your excellent service to Scouting.

Regional Joey Scout Report

My, the year has flown, already September! The Joey Scout section has been busy over the last couple of months. To start, we had our annual Mob Holiday in June. We had a Pirate theme and Joey Scouts from Bowen to Mackay were there to enjoy the fun. Activities included dressing up and face paint, games, decorating our pirate ships and then having a cannonball attack, at night we had Pirate Capers which included jokes, songs and stories, and a campfire with toasted marshmallows and smores. Yum! July was the Cub Scout Rally. Not a lot of Joey Scouts attended, but a few were there. A great day was had by all.

August 5th - I was invited to attend a Mob Holiday held by Banksia Joey Scouts who also had a visiting mob from Mt Archer (Rockhampton) to complete their Mob Buddy Badge. They had a Wild west theme which included building a fort.

During the weekend, I had the great pleasure of witnessing the presentation of our first Promise Challenge Badge received in the Region. Connor Dempster of Banksia Mob received his Certificate, Badge and a cake to mark the occasion. Shortly after, Mason Preece also received his Promise Challenge award. Congratulations to you both! As this is a relatively new badge, I would be interested in hearing about any Joey Scouts in the region who receive this award.

In August was our Joey Scout Jaunt which was well attended by Mobs from Banksia, Bucasia, Bowen and Whitsunday Coast. It was held at the Airlie Beach Lagoon with a Surfin Safari theme.

Activities included a fishing game, face painting (starfish), boats which were floated in the lagoon, a sack race on the beach, Beach Buddies craft, parachute games and a swim before lunch. Lunch was cooked by the ARC, and there were no complaints.

Many thanks go to the leaders for all their hard work to make the day a success, and the parents for all their support.

Wendy Harm RL
Joey Scouts.

Cub Scout Section Report

The Central and Coastal Region Cub Scout Rally was held at Rowallan Park on Saturday 22nd July 2006.

Maurice Law Chief Commissioner Scouts Australia Queensland Branch was the special guest at the Rally, along with Regional Commissioner Bob Hodda and Assistant Regional Commissioner Wayne Harm. Approximately 80 youth members and leaders from Mackay, Sarina and Proserpine enjoyed the afternoon of activities.

The theme of the Rally was "Bush Carnival"

Cub Scouts moved from base to base doing activities at each base. Some of these being

*Mining Lease – Panning for Gold
Damper and Billy tea – cooking damper twists
Horse Shoe Toss & Lassoing
Camptown Races – making race horses
Animal Rubbings – rubbing crayons over animal stencils
Todd River Regatta
Greasy Pole
Canoeing*

The afternoon was concluded with Bush Carnival activities, such as sack races, three legged races, and thong throwing.

Thank you to Diane Boucher for co-ordinating the activities for the afternoon and to the leaders and adults for manning the bases.

*Mary Wallace
Regional Leader Community Relations
Central and Coastal Region.*

2006 Central and Coastal Region Scout Competition Camp

The annual Central and Coastal Region Scout Competition Camp was held over the Queens Birthday weekend at Rowallan Park near Farleigh.

Nine patrols, four from Mackay City Central Scout Group, three from Banksia Scout Group, one from Bucasia Scout Group and one from Proserpine Scout Group, competed for the trophy that was won by Scorpion Patrol from Mackay City Central Group.

Even though the weather was damp and dismal at times, the scouts lived up to the theme for the weekend "Challenge Yourself".

Besides the competitions for cooking and camping skills there were rotational base type activities for the

scouts to take part in over the weekend. Some of these were

- Bushwalking – around the back of Rowallan Park
- Fire lighting – under wet conditions – boil a billy, soften spaghetti and tie a knot in it
- Craft – making reef knot wristbands
- Orienteering – starting from a base point, map an area using a compass and stepping out distances between several points
- Cooking – making and cooking damper twists
- Construction – making camp gadgets
- Water Activities – 10 metre water slide into the dam, and sock wrestling- canoeing
- Wide Game – Mission Impossible
- Campfire- lead by the Venturer Scouts

All scouts were presented with participation certificates on final parade and the winners of the competitions were announced.

Cooking Award – Redback Patrol from Banksia and Scorpion Patrol from Mackay City Central Group
Camping Award – Scorpion Patrol from Banksia Group

Gadget Award – Redback Patrol from Banksia Group
Wide Game – Panther Patrol from Mackay City Central Group

Runner Up – Scorpion Patrol from Banksia Group
Trophy Winner – Scorpion Patrol from Mackay City Central Group

Compiled by Mary Wallace, Regional Leader, Community Relations
From information received from Allan Salty, Scout Leader, Mackay City Central Group.

Environmental Activities.

We are now in a position to offer sections environmental programmes they can be used toward special badges such as the World Conservation Badge or the Water Wise Badge and if there is enough interest there will be landcare projects. Currently the opportunity exist to run two. One in the Whitsunday area and the other at Rowallan Park. The projects require a commitment of six months for the youth member to obtain their badge. Assistance is available for section leaders either through information or hands on assistance if requested. Just email me on

pb997660@bigpond.net.au . We have just had a working bee at Rowallan Park and there is another planned for the 15th of October. All assistance will be gratefully accepted. Don't forget this can be used towards Scouts conservation badges.

Jo Brzozowski

Bowen Scout Group

Hello to you all from breezy Bowen!

We are having a very mixed up year in the northernmost part of the region.

We have had to say farewell to Greg and Rhonda Windsor as they left to take up a new position in Mareeba. Fortunately before Greg left, he was able to bring into the team 3 new leaders to work with Joeys. Our SL, Butcherbird (James), has moved over to Cub Scouts and changed his name to Akela and our VL has moved into the GL position.

Our Joey Scouts have been really busy and their programme is a credit to their JSL, Sunbird (Georgina Earl) and her AJSL's and parent helpers. They have participated in both the region mob/pack holiday in June and the Joey Jaunt at the Lagoon in Airlie in August. They have had their photos in the paper and ran a very successful 'Joey Bring a Friend' campaign in August, though the dust is yet to settle.

Cub Scouts have been working with the "Wow factor" this term. Each other week they have done activities which either makes them jump and scream in delight, or say "Wow...." Akela is starting to find it hard to think of new things which go one better than the last. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

We have just reopened our Scout Section only a week or two ago, so don't have much to report there. Still very early days.

For some years our group has struggled to fill committee positions. We have been fortunate to have some new parents take on Executive roles. Not only will this ease the burden of those who have always been there for us, but the inflow of new ideas and energy is reaping benefits.

May I extend an invitation to you? We would love to see you up here if there is an opportunity.

If you are looking for somewhere different to take your mob/pack/roop/unit, would you consider coming to visit us? We would like to return the visit at some time. We have beaches, fishing, beaches, swimming, beaches, sand, beaches, boats... You get the picture? If you thought Pirates at Rowallan Park was great, wait till you try it in Bowen! We can help you plan activities, catering, accommodation and transport around town... Just ask and we will help make it happen.

We are a very small group but we have much to offer.

Lesley Bullemor
Group Leader, Bowen Scout Group

Proserpine Scout Group

In the Cub Scouts and Scout sections we have, 4 trained leaders, 20 youth members, a Group Committee and an Adult Resource Committee. Our group is chartered and is due for renewal in October and we consider the Group will satisfy the Branch requirements.

We had a drop off in youth members when an experienced Cub Scout Leader resigned two years ago, and now the Cub Scout membership is slowly increasing due to the current leader gaining experience and confidence.

Three Scouts and a leader (Bronwyn Wren) are to attend the Jamboree and are fund raising to meet their expenses.

The group recently received a \$2000.00 community grant from Macrossan and Amiet, Solicitors, for some electrical whitegoods and a gas BBQ.

The Scouts are planning a day hike along part of the Whitsundays Great Walk for September

Greg Walker,
Group Leader, Proserpine Scout Group

Banksia Joey Scouts

On the 4th, 5th and 6th of August Banksia Joey Scouts played Host to the Mt Archer Joey Scouts from Rockhampton. This was a reverse visit as we travelled to Rockhampton last November. On Friday night 8 joeys and 4 leaders arrived at Rowallan Park and proceeded to unpack and get some sleep. On Saturday morning everyone was introduced and got to know each other. The theme for the weekend was Wild Wild West with Indians showing up everywhere they even built themselves a fort. The braves then made themselves dream catchers and had a Pow Wow with many new songs being shared. The best thing about the camp according to one young brave was the food they appreciated the fresh scones made by Warrigal. Requests from the Banksia mob for more on the next camp saw Warrigal threatened with a scalping if he didn't give over the recipe. The weekend was enjoyed by all.

Promise Challenge

Connor Dempster and Mason Preece recently earned their Promise Challenge Badges. These boys were the first 2 in the region to obtain the new award which is the only individual badge in Joeys and requires them to undertake 3 challenges

Duty to God

Duty to Self/others

BP Scouting History

After completing all sections they receive their Promise challenge.

Jo Brzozowski
Joey Scout Leader, Banksia Group

Mackay City Central Group

Term Two started with a bike hike (21st/23rd April) from our Den to Kinchant Dam and back to the Den organized by our older Scouts. Next we were off to the Megativities camp. (29th April/1st May.)

The Troop settled back into Friday nights activities to erecting Queenslanders; setting up kitchen flies, making tables and gadgets, followed by the Region Camp at Rowallan Park (9th/12th June.) Our own Scorpion Patrol was successful. We followed this by a visit to the Mackay Fire Station and a treat afterwards at McDonald's. "Man! Scouts can eat".

Term Three is in full swing, with activities such as estimation, balsa wood glider making, backwoods

cooking and a night observation hike at the Lagoons. The Cub Scout Rally was attended by several of our Scouts to help out on the canoe activity. We then went to Eungella to the Diggings hike, leaving on Friday night (11th/13th August) returning on Sunday. Both Leaders and Scouts found the weekend enjoyable. We followed that with a "debate night", a program by one of our older Scouts, the theme "Time Challenge" and finally a visit organized by an older Scout to the Daily Mercury. We actually saw the press operating.

We currently have four patrols with an average of six in each. The Patrol leaders have been working very hard (with lots of fun along the way), as the Troop has nine Pioneer cords, one recent Explorer cord and three recent Adventurer cords One Scout has completed their activity for The Scout Medallion with two soon to follow.

The year is still not over with three weeks of this term left and a term to go. We have more camps ahead. I do thank my team of Leaders Sandra, Bruce and Gary who make the Troop run so well and of course all the Scouts who give every activity their best.

Mackay City Central Scout Group
YPL Allan Salty

Official Opening Of Envirofund Trails At Rowallan Park

On Sunday morning 23rd July 2006 the official opening of the Envirofund Trails at Rowallan Park took place.

Funds were sought and granted from the Federal Government for the Cultural and Environmental Project at Rowallan Park. This was put to good use for the betterment of Rowallan Park and the community by constructing interpretative trails covering biodiversity – plant identification, flora and fauna – and cultural history including scouting, South Sea Islander and Aboriginal Culture.

"The Noel Weder Kimba Trail" was named after Noel Weder who was instrumental in procuring 104 acres of land near Farleigh for the Scout Association in 1949. Noel Weder amongst others worked tirelessly to develop the site for use of Scouting and community members.

"The Bob Hodda Otter Trail" was named in recognition of the tireless effort that Bob Hodda, the Regional Commissioner Central and Coastal Region,

has contributed to Rowallan Park for the past five decades. He became involved in developing the park as a scout in the 1950's and has continued to do so to this very day.

Mike Oakley was the Project Co-ordinator for the Envirofund Project and Mrs Joann Brzozowski was the Project Supervisor. Mrs Brzozowski, along with the Rover Scouts, Barry Spratt who is the caretaker at Rowallan Park, and a number of other scouting helpers as well as Irene Champion from the Society of Growing Australian Plants, Jane Eales, Co-ordinator of Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group, Patricia Julien and members of Mackay Conservation Group, the National Heritage Trust, MACBOCA (Mackay Bird Observers Council Australia), and Mackay City Council were all thanked for their involvement with the project.

Mr Bob Hodda chaired the official opening and outlined the history of community involvement at Rowallan Park. Mr Maurice Law, Chief Commissioner Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch, congratulated all involved for their participation in the project. Mrs Brzozowski presented a power point display outlining what was done to complete the project. Councillors Joan Williamson and Dave Perkins spoke on behalf of the Mackay City Council.

Anyone wishing to walk the trails at Rowallan Park please contact the caretaker by telephoning 49598174. Booklets and maps will be provided.

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