



CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

*21st April Environmental Day
Rowallan Pk 10am-3pm*

*28th April Environmental Day
Proserpine Scout Den
10.30am-3.30pm*

*19th 20th May Region Scout
Camp*

*3rd June World Environment
Day Open Day Rowallan Park*

*23rd 24th June Brownsea Island
Camp Rowallan Park*



The Pinkies at Aquatastics

Report from the Regional Commissioner

'Membership' is the word of the moment. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious to see a massive positive change to the decline which has been prevalent over the past few years. Our latest Region figures show a significant increase in membership and I would like to believe that the trend will be upwards into the future.

We have the window of opportunity open for us and we should use all the available tools such as programs aligned with the "Charter System" for all sections just a click away on computer.

A preview of the training system at the last Regional Commissioners conference in Brisbane was a delight. You can expect more positive training programs and I understand a lot of the work can be performed online. The Branch Commissioner for Training Development has expended a tremendous amount of time in producing the program and I believe the patience of waiting for its release will be worthwhile.

Regions will now be represented at the Branch Executive and Branch Council meetings in Brisbane with Margaret Barber being appointed to the position of our Regional Representative. This means that our interests at these meetings now have a presence and voting powers for items affecting the operation of the Region and for Scouting as a whole.

Whilst some Groups are now Re-Chartered in the Region we have some who are very close to being Chartered and the others are working quickly towards their goals. I consider the Region is in a very satisfactory situation and

you should continue with the excellent work for the youth of our community.

Changes are taking place at Rowallan Park with the Regional Executive Committee working with strategic project plans which include the relocation of a large activity shed from Bayersville to the Park. This project is planned for completion within the later part of the year. The old activity shed will be demolished and replaced with a more suitable building in the near future. Plans for the Johnstone Lodge to be brought up to current expected standards are also paramount on the strategic project list as is the toilet facilities. We only need money!! An intention to lodge grants to obtain funding is included in the current plans.

Here are some dates to note as well! Leadership Training 2 Field Day on May 12th and the Annual Regional Management Seminar at Rowallan Park 11th & 12th August. Margaret will be mailing the Field Day information in plenty of time so long as you have kept the day for the event. The Seminar applications will come out also as long as the weekend has been kept for the purpose.

Regards,

Bob Hodda

Regional Joey Scout Report

Hello again, well this year has been a busy one so far! How the year has flown! February was the month for our Planning Meeting which was well attended by all in the Region.

This year our theme for our Regional Mob Holiday is "Outer Space" and the program is going well so far. The date for the Mob Holiday is the 2nd and 3rd of June 2007.

This year I have been helping Whitsunday Coast Scout Group, just for a little while, and I forgot how much time this takes when programming and planning. So I have had to work harder at staying on top of things and not get behind. How quickly we forget!

I was recently involved with the Proserpine and Whitsunday Group's Harmony Day. These activities can be used as a Mob Buddy activity and they can also earn a Harmony Day badge when participating in Harmony Day activities.



Anzac Day is on the 25th April and plans for sleepovers are in progress in readiness for the march.

Also, the Regional Environmental Activity Day is to be held at Rowallan Park on the 21st April and at the Proserpine Scout Den on the 28th April. I would urge you to encourage your Joey Scouts and families to attend this day, as the activities will be suitable for the Joey Scouts Environment Challenge.

I hope you all had a great Easter break. You deserve it! Not too much chocky I hope! I look forward to seeing you all on the Environmental Activity Day in Proserpine. If your Mob has done an activity or Sleepover I would love to hear about it. That way, I can share with the Region what Mobs are doing and try to inspire others who may need a bit of encouragement. Looking forward to hearing from you. Keep up the good work!

Wendy Harm (Wallaby) Regional Leader Joey Scouts.

Environmental Activities

There are currently 2 activities planned the first being a fun day which covers the Joey Scout Conservation Challenge and the Cub Scout Waterwise badges and the WORLD Conservation Badge components in the Scout Record Book. These days are planned in Proserpine and at Rowallan Park and should be fun for those who attend.

World Conservation Day is the second Activity planned and it promises to be a busy activity packed, FREE day at Rowallan Park. There are many and varied groups joining us to run activities or displays on the day:- the Local Council, Landcare, Greening Australia National Parks and Wildlife, Padaminka, Mackay Conservation Group, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Guides and Scouts. More information for this exciting day will be sent directly to your Group Leader. Mark your calendar, Environment Day June 3rd from 10am till 4pm. Food and drinks will be available or bring a picnic lunch.

The opportunity is still available for the Landcare badge for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturer Scouts.

To obtain the Landcare badge each youth member must participate in a Landcare project for at least 6 months either through scouts or a community Landcare group. There are projects available throughout the Region. If you are interested you can contact Jo Brzozowski for further details

World Conservation badges can also be earned either as a pack, troop, unit or individually.

Jo Brzozowski



Sarina Scout Group

Once again the Sarina Scout group has been very busy for this part of the year. We started off the year with a group camp at Rowallan Park in early January that lasted for five days. Some of the activities

which took place were, rope bridge, canoeing, water bombs, waterslide,



tenpin bowling, swimming, movies, and a trip to the botanical gardens. A lot of fun was had by all. We also attended the Open Day for Seaforth Group. Our Australia Day activities of billy tea and damper went off well as usual, providing some new members as well. We also attended the regional Founders Day celebrations, which was a very well run activity and all members had a great time. The next activity we attended was Aquatastic in Calen, which was a huge hit with all that attended. I think the regional team did a great job in organizing this activity. Our Joey Scout section has been very busy with fun filled programs and exciting activities. They have also all earned their Environmental Badge, and are currently organizing an inter mob sleepover themed around Harry Potter. The Cub Scout section theme for this year is "Around the World", and so far we have visited Italy, China and now India. We have done several activities from the various countries, which include; soccer, flag making and Chinese lanterns. We have also been cooking meals from each of these countries, spaghetti, fried rice and will be curry for India. The Cub Scouts have also been very active in their award scheme with several badges earned. The Scout section has a new leader and things are really starting to take shape. They have had an overnight camp and a couple of the Scouts attended the Anchor Badge Course. A number of the Scouts have also been actively working towards various badges. Our group as a whole has been very lucky this year, with growth of youth members across all sections and hoping it will continue to do so.

Brett Tomlinson
Group Leader

Proserpine Scout Group

Proserpine Scout Group's youth membership is steadily increasing. The Scout Section with Lloyd Fox as Leader, and Cub Scout Section with Roger Madsen as Leader have well attended meetings. Three Scouts and one Leader from Proserpine attended AJ2007 at Elmore in Victoria in the New Year.

Joey Scouts commenced this year with Bronwyn Wren as the leader and Gail Hinschen as the assistant leader.

Proserpine and Whitsunday Coast Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts joined forces to celebrate Harmony Day at the Proserpine Scout Den on 20th March 2007. Members of the local indigenous community entertained the local Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts with boomerang throwing, didgeridoo playing and indigenous stories. The children base painted their own cardboard didgeridoos, and decorated them when Proserpine Group returned the visit to the Whitsunday Coast Group.

Proserpine Scout Group benefited from the Proserpine Co-Operative Sugar Milling Association Inc Charitable Donations Program recently. These funds were used to purchase much needed camping equipment. This equipment was tried and tested over the St Patrick's Day weekend with a Group camp (all Sections) being held along the Proserpine River at the property of Charlie and Lisa Atkinson. The youth members enjoyed a weekend of games, camp oven cooking, damper twists, cooking toast on an open fire, hiking, campfire and lots of swimming.

Greg Walker, Group Leader



Seaforth Scout Group

Wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of the Seaforth Scout Group, on their Open Day at the Sports Ground near the Bowls Club on Sunday 21st January 2007.

At the Open Day prospective youth members were able to take part in, traversing the rope bridge constructed by Sarina Group, the Merry Go Round constructed by Mackay City Central Group, and sampling billy tea and damper made by Bucasia Group. Seaforth Group held a sausage sizzle.

Seaforth currently has 4 section leaders which includes 1Joey Scout,2 Cub Scout & 1Scout. Our LT3 Course went really well and all section leaders have commended the trainers for the hard work and effort on this training weekend.

We currently have 12 Youth Members of which only two are male. (Footy season just started when we did.)

Crystal Neilsen, Group Leader



Mackay City Central Group

Mackay City Central Scouts had their annual group camp at Kinchant Waters on 17th/18th March 2007 with most sections attending. The main object was a casual relaxed and fun weekend in which all sections seemed to achieve. Once the youth members set up their camp sites the weekend was filled with lots of water activities, mainly swimming and canoeing as you would expect.

The newly formed Joey Scout Mob made an Australian animal badge with small cut outs and a wooden peg. Some other activities for Joey Scouts included making a wooden fruit bowl from paddle pop sticks and searching for an

assortment of Australian animals made from cardboard cut outs.

Saturday night we had a fantastic camp fire lead by Rod Lean followed by a wide game organized by the senior Scouts. Sunday after breakfast we held a Scouts Own lead by a couple of our senior Scouts also. A most enjoyable weekend by all.

In first term we have had one Scout go up into Venturers and one Scout Investiture. New patrol leaders for three patrols and traditional Scout activities on our meeting nights.

Compiled by information supplied by Allan Salty, Scout Leader & Rod Lean, Joey Scout Leader

Mky City Central Construction at Seaforth Open Day



Moranbah Scout Group

Moranbah Scout Group is steadily growing and now has a membership of 15 Joey Scouts 10 Cub Scouts, 2 Scouts and 1 Venturer Scout.

The Joey Scout Section have been learning about the Joey Scout Promise and Law and Motto as well as the Australian Animals. Term 2 they will be learning about the Solar System and the sun and moon. Anzac day and Mothers Day are also in the term planning.

The Cub Scout Section members have been busy working solidly towards their boomerang badges.

The Group joined with the Guides and celebrated Founders Day. They also participated in the Clean up Australia Day activities.

Fun was certainly the name of the game when we travelled to Calen for the Regional Aquatics. We were greeted like long lost cousins which made us feel very welcome.

Our group will be participating in Anzac Day and Labour Day activities.

Janet Brown, Group Leader

Bowen Scout Group

We have been taking advantage of every opportunity possible, to get the attention of the Bowen Community – newspaper coverage, being seen in uniform and flying World and Section flags at public events and fundraisers (We can always count on the wind to bring our flags to life in Bowen)... It has paid wonderful dividends – both in the increase in youth memberships and with the profile Scouting is enjoying in our community at present. Our community has known Scouting for over 90 years and they seem pleased to contribute to renewed interest in the Group.

Don't underestimate the value of those flags flying on a good sized pole in a public place – they are attention getters!

I guess when you have only 6 members to start with; it doesn't really take many to show a 'huge' increase. Our invested youth numbers are now 20 across Cub Scout and Scout sections and a further 2 who fit somewhere between Venturer Scouts and Rovers. Unfortunately we did not gain any additional Leaders so it is taking considerable effort on behalf of Akela (Tania Purcell), SL Dingo (Ian Johnston) and ASL/ACSL Crow (Doug Robins) to keep things moving at a pace the youth enjoy.

It becomes obvious in times like this, how Leaders can make or break a section - when human resources are stretched to the limit. Without them, we don't exist at all. If they haven't the energy and imagination, we don't keep the youth interested. The growth being experienced in Bowen indicates the Bowen Section Leaders are doing a great job! Bravo to those concerned!

So far this year, our Group has participated in the Australia Day ceremony and award presentations as the Flag Bearers; Aquatastic; "Get Out and Get Active" with other community sport and recreation groups; attended Anchor Badge course (and got our 3 ancient watercraft registered); managed to get all the boxes ticked on the 'Charter' score card; cooked and sold sausages (and flew the flags) on 4 public occasions away from the den; held the first Pack Council for many years; attended LT3; invested 2 leaders and 16 youth; held Group Councils;

had 2 of Mary's photos in the paper on 2 occasions and also managed a double page (tabloid) spread; participated in the local "Launch Yourself" for National Youth Week and hopefully will get our Mayor to have his photo taken wearing a scarf for "Scarf up for Scouting".

We look forward to the Environment Day in Proserpine and the regional camps on the horizon. We are setting our Cub Scouts and Scouts the challenge of learning the names and locations of the other Groups in our Region and the names and some other details, of at least 6 youth members and 1 Leader from those groups, during Term 2. Might invent a "Nosey Parker" award for the best Six/Patrol effort! It can take pride of place beside "The Golden Snorkel". (Thanks to the team who organised Aquatastic – without your efforts the "Snorkel" would not be on our wall.)

Whilst we participate in activities with other groups – such as Aquatastic, we don't always take the time to meet the people in those groups. Our Scout aged youth, who have little prior experience in Scouting, need to see how other troops operate and the things they do - something like the networking that Leaders benefit from. Something as simple as meeting a 'responsible' Patrol Leader who sets a good example, helps them understand what is possible. So if the Bowen mob seems a bit noseys when you meet them – it's all in good fun and the spirit of Scouting.

Hope to see and meet you all at some event, some time and place, in the near future!

*Brolga
GL Bowen.*



Whitsunday Scout Group

Whitsunday Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts joined with Proserpine Group for Harmony Day activities.

We are busily raising funds. The first activity will be a Pamper Day for Mothers Day 13th May, to treat the mum's with discounted, massages, manicures, pedicures, facials etc. A Sunset Cruise on Sundowner cruises, is also in the planning for Sunday June 17th 2007 from 5pm till 7pm (Boarding from Abel Point Marina.)

Kathy Ball
Joey Scout Leader

Banksia Scout Group - Scout Section Report

With a drop in member numbers we were forced to step back to a three patrol Troop. Platypus was disbanded with members filling position in the remaining patrols, RedBack, Scorpion and the Tassie Tigers.

As a Troop, we have achieved quite a bit for such a short term. Patrol Program Planning Night was very successful. It seems that Patrols are finally understanding what must be done although we need to get every member involved. We have learned how to make improvised stretchers, the procedure for DRABC and revisited Reef Knots. The Troop took on the challenge of cooking a 3 Course Meal over a fire without the use of utensils. Let me tell you, Alfoil was flying everywhere. Half a dozen Scouts managed to go through 5 metres of Alfoil before I got a chance to start going over the procedure. Enthusiastic, yes. Thrifty, no. Luckily I had bought an extra roll, just in case. All Scouts have fulfilled the physical requirements of the Pioneer Water Safety Badge. The Troop has also been involved in all the Group activities - Founders Day Campfire, the Den Clean Up and Clean Up Australia Day. Jake Watson was our sole representative for the Regional Founders Day Celebrations.

The Patrols have also been working on their individual programs.

RedBack started the year with Fire Safety. Please try to remember boys, it is a Mock

Emergency, you do not have to actually take the clothes off your victim. They followed this up with a night of knotting. Last week they joined in a Scorpion program of Safety and Survival and learned how to obtain water and purify it in a survival situation, how to survive a bushfire and discussed the natural danger that we might find in our area.

Scorpion has been very busy and are currently working on a Backwoodsman Patrol Activity Badge. They started off with an Emergency night which included a Mock Emergency whereby Elaine Fotheringham had driven my car into a flag pole. From all accounts Elaine survived. This program was followed by Fire Safety where we talked about the safety issues and regulations in Queensland. They learned how to make a realistic looking but cosmetic burn and then learned how to treat the emergency.

Tassie Tigers were a bit slower off the mark starting the year with a Wide Game. Some initiative challenges followed whereby they manage to get their whole Patrol over a flooded river with 3 staves and rope. Well Done! The Tigers finished the term off with a Bush Craft night where they learned about the history of scouting, how to make a compass and how to light gas and fuel lanterns.

Our Troop ended the term with a Wide Game of Monopoly. This was a great night whereby the Patrols, using a digital camera, had to buy as many properties in the city centre as they could in the given time. Scorpion was victorious and proudly accepted the coveted Chocolate Bunny Award.

Congratulations to Trent Lamb and Liam McNeill who have completed the requirements for the Australian Scout Medallion. Both Trent and Liam will be advancing to our new Venturer Section.

Jo Timms, Group
Leader



Packing for Jamboree

Australian Jamboree 2007

Twenty-three scouts, 7 leaders and 1 Adult Support Member from the Central and Coastal Region attended the 21st Australian Jamboree at Elmore in Victoria.

Jamborees are held in Australia every three years, with this one having extra significance given it was the first major celebration of the 100 years of Scouting worldwide.

An estimated 12,000 Scouts from Australia and abroad attended the 10 day event, which saw the Elmore site turned into a temporary town complete with water and sewer infrastructure, an onsite hospital, shops, a radio station and daily newspapers.

There were many activities for the scouts to enjoy on and offsite. Riverforce was an activity where the scouts went on a paddle steamer on the Murray River and explored Echuca. At Bushwhacked the activities were based on Ned Kelly. At Bendigo scouts visited an underground mine, took part in Laser Skirmish, went roller blading and visited the Discovery Centre. Some scouts flew over the campsite on a small plane. Wet wild and windy at Lake Nagambie was a canoeing and swimming activity. Game-on was an onsite activity with an inflatable castle water slide, an obstacle course in a pond, and mud slide. Smashing up a car with sledge hammers was a very popular activity, as well a go-cart racing. Abseiling, bouldering and rock climbing wall were also on offer. There were circus activities to try out.

There was a Future Scout day when Cub Scouts and Joey Scout visited for the day. There was a market day at Jamboree where the scouts and leaders were issued with jamboree money and the patrols had to provide services or goods for a fee. Scouts earned money by doing massages, singing and entertaining, fake tattooing, face painting, coloured hairspray, pancakes and ice coffee, making woggles, and many other various games and activities.

At the Arena the opening and closing ceremonies were conducted and each night it was a place to congregate to listen to bands, such as Evermore, Rogue Traders, Area 7 and Taxi Ride which the scouts described as awesome.

The scouts experienced the typical Victorian weather being four seasons in one day.

The scouts returned home tired and exhausted but described it as a fantastic experience that every scout should aim to attend.

Thanks to Scouts, Josh, Hamish, Trent and Patrick for helping me compile this report.

*Mrs Mary Wallace
Regional Leader
Community Relations*

Founders Day

Central and Coastal Region Scouts celebrated Founders Day with a "Big Birthday Party" at Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove, on Sunday 25th February 2007.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell the founder of scouting was born on 22nd February 1857. A cake with 150 candles in honour of BP was cut at the celebration.

Party games, such as, pass the parcel, pin the woggle on BP, ice hockey, sack races, create a cake, and balloon stampede, were enjoyed by the youth members, leaders, and parents.

A Founders Day, thanks giving service was conducted and all scouting members, past and present were asked to re-affirm their scout promise.

Dennis Tuckerman, Regional Leader Memorabilia, dressed as Baden Powell and told a yarn on 100 years of scouting and Pastor Don Gray, Regional Chaplain, spoke about the scouting promise and duty to God. He also read BP's last message.

*Mary Wallace
Regional Leader Community Relations*



2007 Scouting Aquatics Carnival

The Central and Coastal Region Scouting Aquatic Carnival was held on Saturday 10th March 2007 at the Calen District State College pool. Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Leaders from Bowen, Moranbah, Sarina and Mackay attended.

Bowen Group was the winner of the Golden Snorkel Award for Team Spirit.

The afternoon was packed with fun activities such as: freestyle races, any other stroke races, surf ball relays, tube relays, collect an egg (ping pong ball), fisherman challenge, balloon relays, and heave the lifeline relays, were all on the program for all to enjoy.

Members of scouting from all groups and their supporters were asked to wear team colours and were received with gusto.

*Mary Wallace
Regional Leader
Community Relations*

Moranbah Group



Anchor Badge Course

An Anchor Badge Course lead by Echidna, Lindsay Bone, was held at Rowallan Park near Mackay on the weekend of the 24th and 25th March 2007 for a small group of scouts and leaders.



Those attending the course were instructed on first aid, the various knots used in boating, boating rules, safety on the water, rescue on the water, and paddling in varying weather conditions.

The scouts and leaders used the dam at Rowallan Park to practise their canoe handling skills and paddling techniques and capsize and rescue.

On Sunday they went offsite to the Pioneer River at Balnagowan to practise paddling in different conditions.

The Scouts were ecstatic, and quite proud to achieve their Anchor Badges.

*Mary Wallace
Regional Leader Community Relations*



Australian Scout Medallion recipients on the steps of Government House

One would think a painter wouldn't get so much paint on his face!!

