



# CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

## NEWSLETTER

*Editor Mary Wallace*

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### Calendar of Events

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Cub Scout Rally Rowallan Park

20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2007

Brownsea Island Camp Rowallan Park & JOTA & JOTI

*Congratulations to the following people who are recipients of awards announced on World Scout Day.*

*Dennis Tuckerman, Regional Support-Scout Fellowship and Memorabilia, Silver Kangaroo*

*Monica Bowling, Adult Support Member Non Uniform (Treasurer) Bowen Scout Group, Silver Arrowhead*

*Noel Cowan, Youth Program Support Regional Leader (Adventurous Activities) Certificate of Merit*

*Gregory Sutherland, Youth Program Support Adult Support Member NonUniform(Resources) Certificate of Merit*

*As I look back at the many and varied events and activities that have taken place in Central and Coastal Region over the last few months, the extent of the media coverage that we have received has been excellent. We need to keep those articles and photos coming so that Regional Leader Mary Wallace has something to do in her spare time. I would remind everyone that any media coverage must go through Mary first. There are two reasons for this. Firstly we have legal responsibilities that must be strictly adhered to. Mary is conversant with these rules and will double check that they are met. Secondly, an excellent rapport has been developed with the various media and we want to preserve these relationships. I do not want to*

*stifle anyone's enthusiasm, just check with Mary before any contact is made with the media to ensure we have it right.*

*World Scout "Sunrise" activity was well attended, considering the time and the weather. Mackay met at the Lamberts Beach Lookout around the campfire for Milo and Damper. I had the pleasure of joining with Sarina Scout Group who held a sausage sizzle and renewed their Scout Promise at Coral Point Lookout, Campwin Beach.*

*While a significant number of Leaders and Youth from the region attended the Centenary Parade in Brisbane on 4 August, I joined with Bucasia Scout Group and the Rovers for a Bar-b-que and campfire at Rowallan Park. The quality of the singing was unbelievable. It was at this campfire that I had the pleasure in announcing the Central and Coastal Region Award recipients for 2007.*

*I recently had the pleasure of attending Trent Lamb and Liam McNeill's Scout Medallion presentation at the Banksia Scout den, their reward for their hard work and effort. Congratulations to both Trent and Liam.*

*In August the Chief Commissioner, Maurice Law and State Executive Officer, Ryan Sodziak visited for the Annual Regional Management Team Seminar. It was a very busy, but successful weekend. One of the agenda items was the Central and Coastal Region Calendar for 2008. It is my intention to have the final draft distributed to the Group Leaders by the end of October. This will give the Groups time to add their own activities.*

*Next year celebrates 100 years of Scouting in Australia and will be the "Year of the Scout".*

*Lance Hodda*

*Regional Commissioner*

## *Memorabilia & Heritage Report*

From 31<sup>st</sup> July until 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007 a Memorabilia Display was staged at the Mackay City Library and manned by Dennis and Heather Tuckerman everyday during library hours.

Scout Groups from Bucasia and Mackay City Central visited the display and also helped man the display.

Ex leaders from local scout/guide groups and ex leaders from Denmark, UK, South Africa, New Zealand, USA and many people from the general public came to the display and were more than impressed by the extent of what memorabilia was on display. Even the Chief Commissioner Maurice Law and Regional Commissioner Lance Hodda were taken back by what was on display.

A Thank you to Channel 7 and the City Library for coverage and allowing the display to be shown.

*Dennis & Heather Tuckerman  
Regional Support Scout Fellowship &  
Memorabilia*



## *Environmental Matters*

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the State Landcare conference in Mackay this was a wonderful experience for me to be able to put faces to names and to further promote the environmental activities that we offer here in the Central and Coastal Region. The contacts made during this conference will allow us to interact with a lot of different agencies and departments to enhance the available programs and activities for our youth members. It was pleasing that so many of the delegates recognise that scouting

has had environmental interests for many years and that our young people are really interested in the activities and what's going on around them.

I am sure that you will notice the partnerships and cooperation in future activities that will be offered to our youth members.

*Jo Brzozowski*

## *Bowen Scout Group*

The highlight of this term in Bowen would have to be our Group Camp held in comfort at Camp Kanga, Proserpine Dam. Parents and youth went home happy and wanting more. All the Cub Scouts present completed their Canoeing Level 1 badge. Although not a typical Scout camp, it was good for the parents who came (and Leaders) to be able to get a good nights sleep. More time was put into 'fun' than cooking and cleaning. End result was happy faces and a group of youth who thought there was no better way to spend a weekend.

We have also had a lot of fun being in the local festival – we were Pirates of the Caribbean aboard the Black Pearl. Once the youth got over their stage fright they played their roles well and were a credit to us. Thanks to all those parents who made the float such a fun place to be and to Home Hardware for the use of their truck. Bowen community now believe Ging Gang Goolie is a pirate song!



At long last we have a new roof on our meeting place. We meet in the Guide Hut (though Guides haven't been active since 2001). Guides were successful in obtaining a \$30,000 Gambling Fund Grant which will see the roof and guttering

replaced and a fresh coat of paint all over! We are looking forward to the February rains now – no more buckets and mops required each time it rains. For 4 years we have had exclusive use of the building so we see it as 'our roof'. The painting is yet to happen but is planned for the next month. Things happen in their own time here in the north.

Whilst the roofing job was happening (due to take five days – took five weeks) we had to meet elsewhere. So both Cub Scouts and Scouts have been doing lots of 'away' things. Scouts visited the local newspaper as part of their Citizenship; Cub Scouts have been to the pool and completed their Swimming badges. We are glad that we are now 'allowed back home' – we missed it when we couldn't use it!

Attendance at ARMS this year was rewarding. I always enjoy meeting the faces that go with the names. It would be great if Bowen could get to everything on next years calendar. I am really curious about Central Coastal setting the world record by cooking "The Longest Damper". Now if we could also pre-sell slices maybe at 50 cents a slice... how many slices would that be? I will be watching out for news on this one.

hit As fourth term approaches we are planning how to end the year with a bang. We have a Halloween Party planned, as well as a water activities day at which we hope to go canoeing, biscuiting, sailing, snorkeling and sand castle building. Scouts are planning a weekend camp at which they will finish most of their campcraft at Pioneer level and Cub Scouts will have one more sleepover. Before you know it – it will be Christmas.

*Brolga Group Leader*

*Bowen Scout Group*

*Whitsunday Scout Group*

12 youth members, three leaders and five adults from Whitsunday Scout Group were amongst the 5,000+ scouts who paraded through the streets of Brisbane on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2007 to celebrate 100 years of scouting. Our Group was noticed by the media as we wore Fantsea Cruises caps and held a banner by the courtesy of Tropical Signs, so we were featured at the beginning of the news that night.

The Joey Scouts attended the Regional Joey Scout Jaunt at the Lagoon at Airlie Beach, which they enjoyed very much. The theme was 'Fun at the Beach.' They played a relay game, where they had to dress someone at the other end in shirt, hat, sunscreen, towel, water etc. They went on a scavenger hunt and had lunch and played more games.

This weekend the Cub Scouts are having a sleepover with one of the Mackay groups at our Den. They will be camping in tents and cooking a stew on the fire. The next day they are going on hike to Coral Beach, where they will have to have packed a first aid kit and a compass. Danny Stewart will be with us and sharing his knowledge of bush craft, how to collect water and to be safe in the bush. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept is the Cub Scout Rally in which most of our Cub Scouts will be attending. Our Cub Scout group has gone from 5 youth to 11 youth members in a month thanks to (I think) the Brisbane photos in about 3 papers and word of mouth. Our Joey Scout group has also increased by about 3 new members.

*Kathy Ball*

*Whitsunday Scout Group*

*Banksia Scout Group*

**Australian Scout Medallion**

Congratulations to Trent Lamb and Liam McNeill who were both presented with their Australian Scout Medallion on Wednesday 5th September at the Banksia Scout Den. The Presentation was attended by Regional Commissioner Lance Hodda, Assistant Regional Commissioner Brian Harvey, Scout Regional Leader Tim Johnson, Venturer Regional Leader Judy Johnson, the Banksia Leaders, the Scout Troop, the Venturer Unit and friends and family of Trent and Liam.

I had the honour of presenting Trent with his medallion while Regional Commissioner Lance Hodda presented Liam. Trent and Liam have both worked hard to achieve this award and have done so while keeping their Scout Law and Promise. They both held positions as Patrol Leaders, attended the Australian Scout Jamboree and have been keen and willing members of the Scout Troop. The Boys are now

members of the Venturer Unit and I am sure that they will continue to do their best in this new endeavour.

### **Scout Section Report**

Once again, **BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!** This term has seen a rise in Troop member numbers from 10 to 17. New troop members include 3 who advanced from Cubs Scouts and 5 new Scout members. Nathan West, Ryan Stoltz and Steven Hallam advanced from Cub Scouts on Thursday 16th August. They were welcomed to the Troop but first had to complete an obstacle course which surrounded the Den. I am happy to report that all managed to make it to the horseshoe for their investiture into the Troop. The Investiture Ceremony was followed by a campfire, smores and milo while Michael Timms serenaded us with his stylistic guitar music. I would also like to welcome Rohan Goldsmith, Hayden Pantall, Blake Rogers and Michael Blines to our Troop.

Our Troop celebrated World Scout Day at the Banksia World Scout Day Sausage Sizzle and Games night, which was organized by the Venturer Unit.

We finally got to play our Spies About Town Wide Game which had been cancelled on 3 prior evenings in Term 2 due to rain. In order to find the Top Secret Plans, each Patrol had to decipher clues which sent them to bases in the surrounding neighbourhood. Once there, they completed a mission so that they could earn their next clue. Scorpion Patrol was successful in finding the Top Secret Plans in record time.

The Scout Leadership Course was attended by Tom Hallam, who is now planning his Leadership Activity - a hike at The Leap, I believe.

Navigation was the topic of the term with the theory being completed over 2 meetings and the practical executed at our Three Mile Creek Camp. What a great camp. The Scouts not only worked on their navigation, but swam, fished, cooked, played Capture the Flag and sang a few songs at our campfire. We need to work on camping basics but I am sure we earned many valuable lessons such as:

Scout "I can't find my shoes"

Raksha "I'm not your mother"

If you do not screw the lid on the water containers and someone knocks it over, you will go thirsty.

Luncheon Meat does not keep if it is left on top of the dry food box. Vegemite Sandwiches next time.

It **can** take 20 minutes to put on your shoes.

If your hair gets caught in our tent zipper - you will need scissors.

Raksha is KING of the PANCAKES - No orange cordial in mine.

### **Cub Scout Report**

Well, once again the Cub Scouts had a very busy and productive term 3. The highlight will be the Pack Holiday to Whitsunday/Airlie Beach Cub Scout Den. 13 Cub Scouts will be advancing on around 8 Cub Scouts in the Whitsundays. There will be outdoor cooking, camp songs, skits, movies and bushwalks. Should be a great weekend. All the info next newsletter.

Our pack is still enjoying steady growth, with around 28 Cub Scouts. We saw three of our Cub Scouts advance to scouts recently. They are Steven Hallam, Nathan West and Ryan Stoltz. We know those boys are having a great time in Scouts.

This term, we have focused on "Night at the Museum", with a dinosaur theme and "Ready Set Dough" which has seen us doing a bit of campfire cooking. Chocolate bananas wrapped in foil done in the coals was quite a hit with the Cub Scouts!

Next term, we will be "walking like an Egyptian" and delving into the world of Harry Potter! Can't wait!

We have a lot of Cub Scouts almost finished their respective boomerang work, which will be very rewarding. Daniel O'Neill invited a few Cub Scouts along to his bushwalk for his Grey Wolf. This was a very relaxing and enjoyable day up at Eungella. A great time was had by those who attended. (It was nice to be chauffeured)!! The end of the year is turning out to be very exciting with a few of our Cub Scouts very, very close to completing the requirements for their Grey Wolf - the highest award achievable in Cub Scouts. We get great satisfaction from seeing the Cub Scouts achieve this award.



## **Joey Scout Report**

*Our Joey Scouts have been up to fun as always. We have been off to Airlie Beach for the Joey Jaunt at a "Beach Party" and sausage sizzle, a great time was had by all.*

*July was HOP (Helping Other People), the highlight being our "Peace Tree". At first the Joey Scouts thought it was going to be boring or that I had gone mad, because I came in with a bucket and some bare branches. We added some "Peace Cranes" (Sadako's story), some origami doves and hearts, some wish ribbons and some foam figure friends and our tree came to life. It was a wonderful sight and the Joey Scouts were very proud of their efforts.*

*August was about "A"s - Ants, Air, Astronauts, and A Great Night beading which was a joint venture with Mackay City Central Joey Scouts.*

*September is for Spies - Cops and Robbers, Blood trails(Tomato Sauce), and Inspector Gadget.*

*So as you can see we have been very busy, so I think we'll take a couple of weeks off and have a rest ok.*

## **Venturer Scout Report**

*Recently Banksia and Mackay City Central Venturer Scouts participated in a Capture the Flag Activity weekend the Banksia Venturers won the day and have the bragging rites until next July as Jake says we can't wait! Thanks go to the Rover Crew who provided unbiased marshals and all night support.*

*They have also been busy completing their Venturer Skills Awards. Jake Watson, Trent Lamb, Cuan Fotheringham and Liam McNeill all successfully completed the requirements and had their Badges awarded on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August well done guys.*

*Andrew Kleisse was invested on August 17th, welcome to the Unit Andrew.*

*The Unit is busy planning their next activities and busy promoting Venturing.*

*Jo Timms Group Leader  
Banksia Group*

## **Mackay City Central**

*Our Joey Scout Mob has had a varied and busy term. Two new Joey Scouts were invested early on and joined in a family barbecue. A successful sleepover at the Den left tired members (and their leaders?) on the Sunday afternoon for their parents to collect. Some badge work on the environment looked at recycling and what happens to drain water. The Joey Scouts and their families learned about the Baden Powell story and how scouting started and developed since then. Fun outings to Queens Park and Town Beach for families were popular, too. The Joey Scouts have also spent some time working towards their Adventure Challenge Badges. Currently there are five Joey Scouts.*

*The Cub Scout Pack has steadily grown in numbers this term, there being fourteen members with two more interested. The Cub Scouts practised camp fire cooking once the rainy weather settled down. A visit to the Mackay Fire Station was well attended as was the compulsory visit to McDonalds! An interesting day relating to international scouting involved costumes, foods and games from different countries. The Cub Scout Pack had a joint meeting with some Joey Scouts to commemorate the Brownsea Island anniversary.*

*The Scout troop enjoyed a pleasant bike / hike weekend starting from the Peak Downs Highway and finishing at Koumala. They stayed overnight at the very picturesque Blue Mountains station. They have also been covering badge work relating to fire safety and emergencies. Five Scouts attended the recent leadership training weekend. Membership has remained about constant with twenty youth members.*

*As was the case last term, the six Venturer Scouts are still very busy preparing for their camping trip to Carnarvon Gorge in the first week of the school holidays. They had quite a deal of success raising money, due in part to Mackay's obvious sweet tooth.*

*The Rover Crew has had various activities including a cards games night, a car-based UHF CB radio "chase" around town, and the long term refurbishment of the Rover Den at Rowallan Park. There are currently nine active*

*Rover Scouts, with three additional members looking at joining the crew.*

*We were lucky enough to receive a VSEG grant for some equipment for leaders' use on camps. A working bee to tidy up around the den and an end of year barbecue have been organised for next term.*

*Paul Becker, Group Leader  
Mackay City Central Group*

### *Seaforth Scout Group*

*Seaforth Group is steadily increasing with numbers up by two new scouts. We are still on the lookout for new Leaders and are busy planning for the upcoming Brownsea Island Camp. Our Scouts are currently working on building a Billy cart with intentions of holding an annual Billy Cart Race at Seaforth. We have been successful in attaining a Grant for a new photocopier & digital camera through Volunteer Small Equipment Grants. Apart from that there isn't much more to report on as yet but hope for more exciting things to be appearing from our New Scout Group in the near future.*

*Crystal Neilson  
Group Leader, Seaforth Scout Group*



### *100 Years of Scouting Celebrated*

*Some members of Scouting mainly leaders and Rovers gathered at Lamberts Beach lookout at 6.25am on 1<sup>st</sup> August for the internationally coordinated event "Scouting Sunrise" celebrating the dawn of a new century of Scouting, and for the reaffirmation of the Scout*

*Promise. Sarina Leaders and youth member gathered at Coral Point Lookout at Campwin Beach.*

*12 youth members, 3 leaders and 5 adults from Whitsunday Coast Group as well as 12 Leaders and 4 youth members from Mackay were amongst the 5,000 plus scouts who paraded through the streets of Brisbane on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2007 to celebrate 100 years of scouting. The parade began at the gates of the Botanical Gardens near QUT and weaved through the streets of Brisbane and across the bridge to Southbank. At the official ceremony Lord Mayor Campbell Newman presented the keys of the city to The Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM.*

*As Central and Coastal Region scouting members had travelled a long distance, we were fortunate enough to march within the first hundred metres of the parade.*

*Youth members participated in activities provided for them. The Rock Wall was very popular and the scouts declared that the Museum was awesome. In the evening there was a Scout Gang Show Revue where the crowd was entertained by members of scouting.*

*The scouting members who didn't travel to Brisbane were not forgotten, some chose to go to Rowallan Park for a BYO barbeque and campfire.*

*The Scouting display at the Mackay City Library was well attended by present and former members of scouting.*

*We are now looking forward to the rescheduled Brownsea Island Camp which will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2007.*

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

