



# CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

## NEWSLETTER

*Editor Mary Wallace*  
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### *Calendar of Events*

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June Joey Scout Mob Holiday,  
Rowallan Park – Olympic Theme  
23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June – Scouting Display at Mackay  
City Library

### *Display at Mackay City Library*

There will be a display of Scouting  
memorabilia at the Mackay City Library  
from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Please  
encourage the youth members to go to the  
Library and view the display.

Dennis Tuckerman  
Region Leader – Scout Fellowship  
Memorabilia

### *Vale*

It was with great regret to hear of the recent  
passing of Wally Douglas, who was a  
member of the Amateur Radio Club. Wally  
set up and ran Jamboree on the Air for  
Scouting and Guiding for a great number of  
years.

Region Commissioner, Lance Hodda sincerely  
apologises for his inability to have a report in  
this quarters Region Newsletter.



*Banksia Venturer Scouts with Mr O'Neill*  
*Story P5*

### *Region Joey Scout Report*

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June is our Annual Region  
Joey Scout Mob Holiday. This year we are  
celebrating the Olympics, and are having our  
own 'Mad Mob Olympics.'

We will be having an Opening Ceremony with  
the lighting of the cauldron. Banners and torches  
are to be designed and decorated, ready to be  
carried in a March Past Parade.

All the usual Olympic activities will be held,  
including track races, javelin, discus,  
weightlifting, relay races, shot put, hammer  
throw, volley ball etc.

Our night activities include: Songs and stories to  
share (with supper of course)

At the Closing Ceremony all competitors will  
receive a medal and certificate, with a special  
badge as well.

I am looking forward to the weekend; I know it  
will be a fantastic time for the Joey Scouts.

It is always a lot of hard work and takes a few  
weeks to get organized, but it is well worth it for  
the experience the Joey Scouts get from it. The  
only complaints I get from the Joey Scouts are:  
"How tired they are."

Wendy Harm (Wallaby)  
RL Joey Scouts.

### *Cub Scout Leadership Course*

14 Cub Scouts from Central and Coastal Region  
attended a Leadership Course at Rowallan Park  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

The Sixers and Seconds from the Pack were  
instructed on the importance of Pack Councils,  
the image of scouting through wearing and  
taking pride in their uniform, and the duties of a  
Sixer and Second. They honed their skills in flag  
rolling, and ceremonies and the Promise and  
Law.

Practical activities such as cooking, orienteering  
and first aid were all on the program. Games  
were used to reinforce instruction, as well as to

enliven the program. The day was concluded with a Scouts Own. (Thanks Giving Service)

The Cub Scouts will now use their skills in their packs, and they are expected to do a series of activities in order to complete their Promise and Law Challenge, and to achieve the Cub Scout Leadership Badge, which is able to be worn on their uniform.

M Wallace, Region Leader, Community Relations

### *Region Scout Camp*

The Region Scout Competition Camp was held at Rowallan Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Scouts did rotational activities, such as, water activities, canoeing, orienteering, first aid and emergencies, and construction.

For tea on the Saturday evening Scouts were expected to cook a three course meal, soup, a full roast meal, and dessert.

The winners of the Shield were Koala Patrol from Sarina and Tassie Tigers from Banksia Group.



### *Rowallan Park*

Have you been to Rowallan Park lately? There have been some major constructions, with two new activity buildings. One is beside the dam to house water activities equipment, and the second is replacing the Utility shed at the bottom of the hill on the edge of the parade ground. There are also two new tanks capturing the precious water that falls on to the lodge and kitchen area. All of this has been going on quietly with an enormous amount of effort from a dedicated few. We really have a valuable facility right in our backyard, offering multiple use options. Have you ever

thought about how much effort goes into providing this invaluable resource or how you can assist? There is something you can do. Winter is the perfect time to put in the hard yards for maintenance and to make improvements to the buildings or grounds, as the weather is drier, and it's not so hot working during the day. There is a working bee planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> of July from 9am till 3pm. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch will be provided for the workers. There are a multitude of jobs to be done using all levels of abilities, and it is the perfect way to repay the park for all of the wonderful memories of fun camps and great learning experiences. Come along and assist to bring out the best in the facilities that belong to the Scouts. If we all help, then it's only a little effort for fantastic outcomes. Invite your scouts and parents a few hours out of a year to ensure that we have the best facilities available for our scouting youth. It is really not a lot to ask.



*New Shed near Parade Ground   Shed near Dam*

### *Environment*

Unfortunately the Enviro Fun Day in Proserpine had to be postponed due to illness, (nasty little bug) but it will be on later in the year for all of the members in the north of our Region. Sadly there were no responses to the day at Rowallan Park before the closing date of the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, however there will be another opportunity in September as we celebrate threatened Species week.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June Amanda McLaughlin (the littlest Rover from Mackay Rover Crew) and several of the Banksia Venturer Scouts went to work on the Cats Claw weed as part of the implemented control programme. This should see significantly less regrowth in the coming spring.

We have the opportunity to assist in the **Planet Ark National Tree Day** on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2008. There are several sites in the region, or you can register your own if you have somewhere suitable.

If you have something environmentally interesting happening at your den please let the rest of the Region know about it. For instance, did you know that the Proserpine Scout grounds have become home to a Bower Bird. His nest is in the garden, and there is also a rather large frog population using the den as their home. These creatures obviously find the Proserpine Scouts very friendly. The Banksia Scout Group often plays host to large flocks of Black Cockatoos, and a ring tail possum can be seen scampering across the grounds on his way to a gum tree flower supper most nights. What do you have around your den?

Jo Brzozowski

### *Mackay City Central Group*

The numbers of youth members at Mackay City Central have gradually increased over the past few months. We have not been able to accept new Joey Scouts because, up until recently, we have not had a Joey Scout Leader. All this has changed, however, as Karen Francis has recently signed up to be our new Joey Scout Leader. Karen has been involved in scouting before, and I am very pleased to have her on board. We are still looking for a Venturer Scout Leader to join the two Assistant Leaders.

Our parent executive is all but complete, with all but the President appointed. Many thanks to Gary Minter (Badge Secretary), Melinda Wright (Secretary) and Theresa and Philip Giles (Treasurers) for volunteering their time this year.

The scout youth members are busily planning a bike hike for the end of this term. The route is from Mackay to Cape Hillsborough and then back to Mirani, over two days. Quite a trip! All Sections have just completed their annual Group Camp at Kinchant Dam. Many of the activities made good use of the water. I am grateful for those parents who also came along to help out. The Venturer Scouts, with the help of Assistant Leaders Sandra Wright and Peter Schultz, have started working on their badge related activities. Thanks also to Jo Timms and Judy Johnson for providing guidance with this.

Paul Becker, Group Leader  
Mackay City Central Scout Group

### *Bowen Scout Group*

Twenty-five members of Bowen Group including parents, participated in Jamboree of the Trail over the weekend of 10/11 May, putting on our hiking boots and walking the tracks from Horseshoe Bay, up the hill (some going even further up to the lookout), over to Murray Bay, up to the Mother Beddick lookout (local landmark) then down and around back to Horseshoe Bay. This is the second year we have participated in JOTT and find that it is a great way to get the Group out and active in public for a few hours.



Also during May, with the assistance of DPI&F our Group hosted a Seagrass watch monitoring workshop. In addition to eleven from the Scout Group we had another five members of the Bowen community join us. It is hoped the Group will continue to work in partnership with both the Bowen community and DPI&F to participate in Seagrass monitoring over the coming years. For our Scout youth, it provides an opportunity to get involved in a long term environmental project – everyone from Joey Scouts to Rovers can participate. Our youngest member at the workshop was one of our Cub Scouts who, with only a little bit of assistance, completed the formal assessment tasks necessary to pass Level 1 Basic Training.



Photo courtesy Bowen Independent

Joey Scouts are working on their Adventure Challenge badge. Creatures that walk, crawl, fly and swim have been on the programme over the last month, and they are eagerly looking forward to their mob holiday. Possum is finding that the ninety minute programme in the evening is just too much for the smallest Joeys and we are reducing our meeting time to one hour from next term.

Following an initial loss of members in Cub Scouts after Christmas, numbers have risen to seven. They have a pack holiday this weekend at

*Euri Creek where they will complete their Bushcraft badge and undertake some serious Boomerang catch-up.*

*Scouts have exploded (relatively speaking) from four to twelve, following a big effort to get them out camping. I suspect some good peer to peer publicity has been going on behind the scenes amongst the scouts and their friends. They have also visited the Ambulance to receive training in Pioneer level Emergency First Aid. The Salvation Army has visited and talked about service – what it means to them and how Scouts might be more involved in community service. Some good ideas were suggested – we now just have to turn them into a reality.*

*Venturer Scouts are becoming more active now we have three! I really enjoy working with this age group – some of the most insane ideas can turn into reality whilst they form friendships they may keep well into adulthood. It is this section that helps me remember that I too was once young. (I am sure I was never as young as a Joey Scout!)*

*Rovers have been in recess to some extent whilst half their number is away at university. With the holidays approaching plans are being made... and changed... and remade...*

*Committee have done their duty with AGM's, selling more chocolates (nearly \$3000 was made with chocolates in the last year), pie drives and assisting as parent helpers at section meetings as well as driving us all around the place making it possible for the youth to do what they do.*

*Having all five Sections functioning again in Bowen does take a lot of effort, but the results are worth it – even just the sight of the five flags flying simultaneously speaks volumes. The youngest members look up to the older ones in awe. They check out their badges and ask what they do, whilst the older members assist in various activities within the younger sections, often adding that little bit of extra fun or excitement to a program.*

*It is as the books say: a Scouting family, and we are very happy to see it working in Bowen. Just need a few more leaders in place and all will be well.*

*Lesley Bullemor  
Group Leader  
Bowen Scout Group*

## *Banksia Scout Group*

### *Banksia Group Grey Wolf Award Presentation*

*Three Cub Scouts from Banksia Cub Scouts at Andergrove, were presented with their Grey Wolf Award Badge and certificate at a special pack meeting to celebrate the occasion on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008. The recipients were Brandon Paton, Melanie Edmonds and Hunter Kaye.*

*To achieve the award the Cub Scout had to achieve their Gold Boomerang, take part in four outdoor activities, an overnight camp, a two hour hike, four level two Achievement badges, attend two pack councils and then develop and present to their Cub Scout Pack a resource, based on the Jungle Book.*

*Brandon Paton joined Cub Scout at the age of eight and achieved the three Boomerang levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, he presented the pack with a Jungle Book board game, and he hiked from the North Wall at the harbour to Lamberts Beach. Brandon was presented with his Grey Wolf Award Badge by his Cub Scout Leader, Mrs Lynne O'Neill.*

*Melanie Edmonds joined Cub Scouts at the age of eight and achieved the three boomerang Levels. She presented the Pack with a Jungle Book board game, and for her hike she explored the area around Andergrove and Apsley Way. Cub Scout Leader Mrs Lynne O'Neill presented Melanie with the Grey Wolf Award.*

*Hunter Kaye joined Cub Scouts when he was nearly nine years of age. He achieved the Silver and Gold Level Boomerangs, and he presented the pack with a song book. He hiked around the Gooseponds to fulfil the requirements of the Grey Wolf Award. Hunter's mother, Scout Leader Mrs Leslea Kaye presented him with his Grey Wolf Award badge.*

*A special cake made for the occasion was cut at the ceremony, and the Cub Scouts dined on party finger food.*

*The three Cub Scout have advanced to the Scout Section and they all said they enjoyed their time as Cub Scouts and especially attending Cub Scout Rallies, Pack Holidays, camps, hikes and campfires.*



## **BANKSIA GROUP AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION**

*Banksia Scout, Tom Hallam was recently presented with the Australian Scout Medallion at a special ceremony to mark the occasion.*

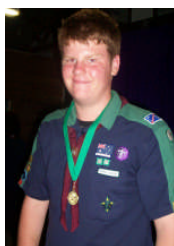
*Tom became a member of the Banksia Scout Troop early in 2006, transferring from Yeppoon Scout Group, where he had advanced through the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections. He achieved the Pioneer, Explorer and Adventurer Level Cords. He was a Patrol Leader, and attended a Scout Leadership Course and planned and led a hike up the Leap for the Pioneer Scouts. Tom, along with Josh Brzozowski and Michael Timms, planned a 30 kilometre hike at Waitara Station in the Nebo area for their Journey for the Adventurer Level Badge. Only the older members of the troop took part in the hike through diverse and sometimes difficult terrain. Attending the Australian Jamboree in Victoria and the 14th New Zealand Jamboree have been highlights of Tom's scouting.*

*Group Leader Jo Timms presented Tom with his Australian Scout Medallion and Cloth Badge and spoke on Tom's scouting history.*

*Family, friends and Region Leaders, Scouting Leaders and youth members of Banksia Scout Group celebrated the occasion with a Bar-b-que and a cake especially made for the event.*

*Tom has advanced to the Venturer Scout Section and has now started the challenges for the Queen Scout Award.*

*Mary Wallace  
Region Leader*



## **Banksia Venturer Scouts**

*Venturer Scouts, living up to their motto, **Look Wide***

*The last few months have seen the Venturer Scouts out and about, with seven Venturer Scouts from Banksia hiking the Whitsunday Great Walk, followed by a fun camp at Cape Hillsborough, joined on this occasion by a Mackay City Central Venturer Scout. This was just the beginning of the inter unit cooperation with six members from Mackay City Central joining the twelve from Banksia Group for a progressive dinner in the City. Banksia also ran a monopoly night in the city heart. The local constabulary willingly posed for photos as did a number of other business people. What did we do before digital cameras?*

*Banksia Venturer Scout unit has recently completed a Speechcraft programme, and will have a presentation night on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Mr Brian O'Neill will present the Venturer Scouts with a Completion Certificate.*

*One thing that can definitely be said is that our Venturer Scouts are certainly busy. Most are undertaking service projects, both to Scouting and the wider community, Youth Leader duties, and other badge work, as well as holding part time or full time jobs, playing sports, learning musical instruments, attending school and their respective family commitments, all while being active in Venturer Scouts. These young people have very busy schedules and are always willing to have a go, and put their best foot forward.*

*There have been 12 award proposals made at the latest Regional Venturer Council, with 36 tapes completed and presented to the enthusiastic hard working Venturer Scouts. Many more are just waiting completion, with the Venturer Scouts choosing a wide and varied range, within the four areas of Adventurous Activities, Personal Growth, Community Involvement and Leadership Development .  
Till next time  
Look Wide*

*Jo Brzozowski  
Venturer Scout Leader, Banksia Group*

### *Moranbah Scout Group*

*Hello to everyone from the Moranbah Scout Group. We are off and running again with lots of very interested and keen parents. We have had one Joey Scout Leader transfer from Middlemount, and one Scout Leader transfer from Northgate in Brisbane, and four others interested in leadership roles. Two of these are definitely going into the Cub Scout section, one looking at Scouts, with the other as a youth helper, who will assist anywhere he is needed. We have had many enquires from youth coming down and wanting to join. I always knew my prayers would be answered.*

*Janet Brown  
Group Leader*

### *The Whitsunday Coast Scout Group*

*The Joey Scouts, Cubs Scouts and Scouts had a combined night activity on the eve of the Anzac Parade. We played war games, and talked about Baden Powell and the meaning of ANZAC DAY. We made a wreath, and told stories around the council fire. The Cub Scouts left us after learning to tie reef knots and how to look after their ropes, and the Joey Scouts stayed on for the annual sleep-over at the den.*

*We all assembled the next day at the parade, and had Wallaby (Wendy Harm) join us for the march. They were all well behaved on such a hot morning. The Joey Scouts then made Mothers' Day treats the following week, to both sell at the school fete and to take home. The Cub Scouts have been working on the Jungle Book, as we have a few new members, and four Joey Scouts linking to Cub Scouts.*

*For the next three weeks Wendy Harm stepped in and helped me run Joey Scouts whilst I had a break from running both sections. THANK YOU WENDY!*

*Last week I had Christine from Land care come and talk to the youth members about garden care/weeds etc, and she brought some plants for them, to get our garden up to scratch. They weeded, dug holes, planted and mulched, and had a great time.*

*On the 17<sup>th</sup> May I took four Cub Scouts to the leadership course at Rowallan Park. They all had a great time and learnt lots of new things. It was great opportunity, as we have no trained Cub Scout Leaders, and are following programmes straight from books etc, so this helped the leaders – Sixers & Seconds know*

*their responsibilities etc, which will help me. Thank you to Julie. I know she wasn't feeling very well, but you did a great job, and it was well organised. Also thank you to the other Leaders there, who helped make the day a success.*

*Unfortunately, as Jo was sick, the Enviro Day had to be postponed until a later date. The youth are looking forward to this day.*

*On the 12<sup>th</sup> June I am hoping to take as many youth as I can, to the Smart Train at Proserpine. We are organising bush walks and camps for next term. I would love to get another Leader to help, as I am burning out, so we aren't doing too many extra activities at the moment.*

*The Joey Scouts are getting excited about their up and coming Mob holiday, themed "The Olympics," Thanks again Wallaby for your help.*

*I would like to thank one of my Parents, Phil McDonald, and his dad, for coming down and doing some odd jobs. They fixed the flag pole which was vandalised over a year ago, so we can now have Parades back outside at the flag pole. They also tried to fix the exterior light to aid me to my car in the dark (now that I have changed times to later), and after our Land care visitor finished they fixed the watering system that was becoming a safety issue with not enough watering spouts. A big BRAVO from us all. But then just after that, I had a miracle from no where happen. I had a phone message to call Bruce, re wanting to use the Den. When I called him back, he said he had done some work on the Den in the past, and was there anything needed doing. I told him how we tried to repair the outside light, but found it needed more than globe and starter. Next thing, he was around for the key. Had a light and weather protector donated from LEW and had installed the light, cleaned the gutters and made a list of other things to do in a couple of hours. He will be back to hammer in our loose nails and get all our safety issues into line. WHERE DID HE COME FROM????? THANK YOU BRUCE (P.S he knows Bob Hodda)*

***We are holding our Sunset Cruise fundraiser again this year in September (at this stage the 14<sup>th</sup>) It costs \$35 and includes nibbles and a 2 hour cruise around Airlie Beach. I will have to confirm time but usually around 5.30pm. If you are interested in tickets give me a call on 49467 106.***

*Kathy Ball Group Leader Whitsunday Coast*