



# CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

## NEWSLETTER

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

- 14-16 Oct JOTA/JOTI Rowallan Park
- 12 Nov Aquastastics Calen District State College
- 25-27 Nov Central and Coastal Venture  
Kinchant Dam

### *JOTA/JOTI 2011*

*Just a reminder the 54th Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) and the 15th Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) will take place this year on 15-16 October and the Central and Coastal Region will be holding the event again this year at Rowallan Park. This year's theme is: Peace, Environment and Natural Disasters.*

### *Dougal McWhinney*

### *News from the Region Commissioner*

*Central and Coastal Region currently has 280 members, an overall increase of 21 members in the last month. These consist of 20 Joey Scouts, 75 Cub Scouts, 61 Scouts, 13 Venturer Scouts, 12 Rovers 20 Fellowship, 25 Support, 35 Leaders and 19 Region members.*

*The Annual Region Management Seminar held in August was successful, with quite a good turnout of leaders from the region. GL Kathy Ball was presented with her Wood beads and Parchment by the Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM. Ryan Sodziak, Manager State Administrative Services, also attended.*

*Region activities I have attended were World Scout Day at Banksia Scout Den, and Environmental Day, also held at Banksia Den. Those youth and leaders who attended had a great time, but attendance was a little disappointing.*

*Time and effort is spent arranging these activities for the Youth's enjoyment and education, and it is a pity so many miss out through lack of attendance.*

*I have recently returned from a Region Commissioners' Development Conference in Brisbane, and will report on this at a later date. Some good news for Leaders in Training is that E-Learning will be up and running in Queensland by November, which means a lot of your training will be able to be done in your own time on your computer. More on this later.*

**Brian Harvey**  
**Region Commissioner**  
**Central and Coastal Region**



*Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM presenting Kathy Ball with her Wood Badge Parchment.*

### *Joey Scout Promise Challenge*

*Three former Mackay City Central Joey Scout were recently presented with their Joey Scout Promise Challenge.*

*Joey Scouts is the youngest section of scouting for the 6 to 8 year olds. Their motto is "Help Other People."*

*The aim of the Joey Scout Promise is to allow older Joey Scouts to gain a greater understanding of the Scout Promise and Law, to learn about*

*Scouting's Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and to discover the history of scouting.*

*Mackay City Central Joey Scout Leader Karen Francis presented Markus Ackerman, Louis Lamb and Jay Scott with their badges at a special parade on World Scout Day. The three boys have advanced to the Cub Scout Section.*



*Marcus Ackerman, Louis Lamb and Jay Scott*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Region Leader Community Relations**

### *Cub Scout Section News*

### **GREY WOLF AWARD RECIPIENT THOMAS LONGMORE**

*Banksia Cub Scout Thomas Longmore was recently presented with his Grey Wolf Award at a special ceremony to mark the occasion. Central and Coastal Region Commissioner Mr Brian Harvey, and Assistant Region Commissioner Mr Dougal McWhinney were special guests at the ceremony along with family, friends, cub scouts and leaders.*

*Mr Harvey outlined what Thomas did to achieve the Grey Wolf Award the highest Achievement in the Cub Scout Section. Cub Scout Leader Joanne Hamilton presented Thomas with his certificate.*

*Thomas joined the Banksia Scout Group as a Cub Scout in 2009. He attended a Leadership Course and was a sixer in his Cub Scout Pack.*

*To achieve the requirements of the Grey Wolf Award he had to plan a hike and have other cub scouts join him on the hike. Their hike was held at*

*Cape Hillsborough. Another requirement was to make a resource and present it to the pack. He made a Jungle Book card game. Thomas achieved a variety of achievements badges: pets, traveller, animals and birds, literature, and a special interests badge: Their Service Our Heritage.*

*Thomas is a quiet achiever but a good influence to the Cub Scout Pack. The hike was the favourite activity Thomas enjoyed when completing the requirements of the Grey Wolf Award.*

*Thomas has advanced to the Scout Section at Banksia Scout Group.*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Region Leader**  
**Community Relations.**



*Thomas Longmore Cutting his celebration cake.*

### **Central and Coastal Region Cub Scout Camp**

*Three Cub Scouts Packs in the Central and Coastal Region held a combined 24 hour camp at Sarina Scout Den which was coordinated by Region Cub Scout Leader Mrs Julie Thompson.*

*Approximately 40 Cub Scouts along with their leaders and parent helpers enjoyed camping in tents as well as the activities centred on the theme "Trek Around Australia."*

*The activities began in Queensland with the cane toads with a leap frog game and progressed to an initiative type game "Build the Sydney Harbour Bridge" and then to the busy streets with the game "Streets and Lanes."*

*Base type activities were the main activities for Saturday.*

*Mt Isa Rodeo – bull riding, lassoing, horse shoe toss and barrel racing.*

*Melbourne Cup – The horse race and fashion stakes*

*Aboriginal Painting Base – dot painting of Boomerangs and Australian Animals*



*The Cub Scouts enjoyed a friendly game of French cricket in Victoria, and soccer in South Australia.*

*In the evening the Cub Scouts participated in sense training activities, in Tasmania, pin the stalk on the apple, identifying food ingredients by smell and a feely bag of flour with items you would take in your back pack on a Trek around Oz.*

*Region Commissioner Mr Brian Harvey visited the Cub Scout Camp as a guest for dinner.*

*A Camp fire lead by CSL Deb Rutherford, with many skits and several traditional scout songs was enjoyed by all.*

*The last activity for Saturday night was opal hunting where the Cub Scouts in three Groups had to find the coloured toffee allocated to their group.*

*After breakfast on Sunday morning a Scouts Own which is a Thanks Giving Service was held and everyone went for a 30 minute hike around Sarina with the leaders while a trail of gold treasure was laid at the end of the hike.*

*At closing parade certificates of attendance were presented to the Cub Scouts, and Mrs Thompson thanked the leaders and parents for their help and support.*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Region Leader Community Relations**

## *World Scout Day Celebrations*

*World Scout Day is celebrated by 28 million scouting members in 160 countries and territories on the 1<sup>st</sup> August each year. It is the Anniversary of the first Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset, England on the first nine days of August in 1907. The camp was a great success and proved to its organiser, Robert Baden-Powell, that his training and methods appealed to young people and really worked.*

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> August the scouting members around Mackay held a special meeting to celebrate scouting around the world at the Banksia Scout Group, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove. The youth members made and ate hotdogs at the USA base, origami at the Japanese base, Aboriginal paintings at the Australian Base, and played games at the French base.*

*On parade all members re-affirmed the promise they made when joining scouts.*



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**Region Leader Community Relations**



## *Environment Day for Scouting*

*Mrs Joann Brzowski the Leader in charge of Environmental Activities for Scouting in the Central and Coastal Region held an environment day at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September..*

*The day began with and games reinforcing the need to recycle. The Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts hiked to Morag McNichol Reserve and picked up rubbish as well as observing the environment and vegetation. They returned to the den after lunch to more games, an interactive river story on pollution, and an activity where they decorated biscuits as swamp rats which they happily devoured for afternoon tea.*

*The youth members enjoyed the day of activities. Mrs Brzowski thanked the leaders, the Venturer Scout and a Rover Scout who helped run the activities on the day.*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Region Leader Community Relations**



*Observing the Fungi growing on the log.*



*What creatures are in the area within the hoop?*

## *Environmental News*

*Going Green, is the message that has been bombarding everyone, however I think that scouts have always been green. We may have an environmental charter and run activities designed to encourage being green but have you ever thought about just how green scouts really are. Leaders for years have reused recycled and invented uses for what other people refer to as junk. Have a look in any Joey Scout or Cub Scout leaders cupboard and I am sure that you will see a huge number of items that are straight out of the "rubbish" wine corks, aluminum foil pie plates polystyrene trays, cardboard tubes of all sizes, film canisters just to mention a few. Then go out to the camp store and take a look around no one use items here. Equipment is mended and repaired until it just cannot be repaired any more or is unsafe to use, then it is usually used in a different way for a different purpose. Scouts are living the reuse recycle ethos and I am very proud to say that we are very good at it.*

*Recently I spoke to the Branch Commissioner for environmental education, Judy Seymour and she sent me a reducing our carbon footprint forms for each group in the region before copying and sending them out I read the guidelines and was delighted to find that we already met or exceeded the guidelines so we all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.*

*Quote: Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.*

*Albert Einstein*

**Joann Brzowski**  
**Environmental Activities Co-ordinator.**



## *Wedding at Rowallan Park*

*Brendan Ross and Amanda Weaver chose Rowallan Park as the venue for their outdoor wedding on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Both have been involved with scouting or guiding for many years.*

*A rope aisle was marked out on the ground which led to the carpeted area that was strewn with rose petals. The rovers and ex-rovers formed a guard of honour with the formal sword arch.*

*Afternoon tea was served at Rowallan Park for their many scouting friends, fellow work mates and family before the party moved on to the official wedding reception.*

*Congratulations Brendan and Amanda, members of scouting in the Central and Coastal Region wish you all the best for many years of happiness in your married life together.*



*At least Craig had his hair done for the wedding. The word has it that he had it done the same way for the Daffodil Ball as well. The Rovers volunteer their services each year at the ball.*

**Mary Wallace**  
**Region Leader Community Relations**



*A man's best friend*