



CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

- 3-5 August Scoutfest*
- 13-25 Aug Memorabilia Display Mackay City Library*
- 8 Sep Enviro Day at Rowallan Park*

Baden Powell Award Presentation



Rover Scout Tamara Ham was presented with the Baden Powell Award at a special meeting at Rowallan Park on Saturday 16th June 2012. The Baden Powell Award is the highest youth award in Scouting. Achieving the BP Award is the outward evidence of having attained a standard that the Movement considers to be the ultimate in the training of its members (ie. to take a constructive place in society.

The Rover motto is a simple one - "Service". Roving helps develop leadership abilities and an appreciation of the value of helping other people, through service activities, both within Scouting and in the wider community. The Baden Powell Award scheme which empowers young adults to challenge themselves in the four different areas of growth & development: Physical, Mental, Social and Spiritual.

To achieve the Baden Powell Award Tamara completed the tasks at an exceptionally high level, above and beyond what she was expected to achieve.

Tamara was a Rover at the Stafford Group before coming to live in Mackay. The four badge challenges she had to achieve were:

1) Project Badge

She co-ordinated grants to get the Stafford Den re-roofed including insulating the 1/2 that was not already insulated. This also involved getting health and safety upgrades (such as stair railings) completed so that she could access grant funds for the roof.

2) Service Badge

Tamara volunteered as a Guide Leader with Mackay Northern Beaches Girl Guides. With a unit of 7-14 year olds, this was very different to her past experiences and challenged all to learn more. Yes, lots of work, but also lots of fun.

3) Ramble Badge

Tamara kayaked throughout the Pioneer River catchment over 4 days including following Cattle Creek from Finch Hatton to Pleystowe, and circumnavigating Teemburra Dam. This paddle was not only physically challenging, but logistically challenging to get around the weirs.

4) Scoutcraft Badge

Camping on no less than 10 occasions on a variety of campsites showing a high standard of scoutcraft. This challenged her to think outside the box and included working bee camps, relaxing camps, running a camp for 50 guides, catering for 30 Rover Scouts at a large event, and hiking.

Rover Advisor Harry Roestenburg conducted the special parade and proceedings for the presentation. Commissioner Region Commissioner Brian Harvey read the congratulatory from the Queensland Branch Chief Commissioner Mrs Kirsty Brown and presented Tamara with her BP Award cloth badge.

A sausage sizzle was held for lunch and a celebratory cake was cut for the special occasion and was enjoyed by the members of scouting and guiding who were in attendance.

Tamara is relocating to Brisbane and will continue in scouting in a leadership role within the Water Activities Area.

Compiled by
Mary Wallace from information supplied by Tamara, The congratulatory Letter from the Chief Commissioner and the Queensland Branch Website.

Scoutfest 2012

Scoutfest is a Central and Coastal Region Family Camp: this means we encourage all groups to attend and invite any Mum, Dad, Sibling, Grandparent etc. that wish to come along to do so. Any non member will need to complete a non member activity form to participate. Scoutfest is run for ALL sections.

Each group to organise the food and camping side of things and the Scoutfest team organise the activities for the weekend. Simple! The park has been booked out for the weekend but if you have a favourite spot it will be best to contact the park to reserve it. No camping fees will be paid to the park for this weekend.

The activities are divided into zones...Aqua, Discovery and Adventure. The youth have free choice as to which zones and for how long they participate. The zones will operate 10am-12pm and 1.30-4pm on the Saturday and 9am-11am on Sunday...plenty of time for the youth to fit in their normal chores whilst camping. This also gives the leaders time to meet up with fellow leaders for a chat. There will be a fun activity on the Saturday night for all to join in and we will run an open air movie on the Friday night....with popcorn...for any that arrive in camp early.

For any regional team member not camping with a group, we will have the lodge and a catering system in place.

The Scoutfest team always plan to give the youth some activities that they don't normally experience and this year is looking no different. Some of the activities planned are abseiling, mountain biking (the youth need to bring their own bikes and helmets), watersides, sensory circus, rope-bridge

and merry go round, slippery pole, canoeing, memorabilia, ice sledding, lava lamp making and many more!

A Scoutfest activity form will go out around six weeks before the event for each participant to complete....we will run an armband system to ensure all activity leaders are aware of the youth members who are able to participate in that activity. Each group needs to organise the C4 and 5's and get them to Brian on time and also notify me of attendance and approx numbers.

The activity fee will be \$20 for each youth member and \$10 for each subsequent member of the same family...ie a joey scout and a cub scout in the same family will have an activity fee of \$30. I have thought long and hard about the amount of this fee (considering they will need to pay their normal camp fees for the group as well) but the hard fact is Scoutfest needs to be completely funded by the event...think abseiling instructors(from out of town) and equipment, containers and cranes for the tower, activity resources and port-a-loos.....it all adds up even with the additional support and donations from the community which the team work hard in securing.

This will be a great weekend for the region...DO NOT MISS IT....let our youth members experience some new adventures and meet their fellow scouts within the region

Any questions, as ever, just contact me

Jane Mumford
Region Leader Major Activities

Cub Scout Section

The cub scout leadership course was held recently and was well attended by a large group coming from Moranbah, Sarina and locally. There was a fantastic response with all the cub scouts having a great day, which finished with a trekking activity and a scouts own at the Botanical gardens.

I am very thankful for the support provided by the Leaders in the Region.

The future activity is the Regional Camp/day activity to be held later in the year August/September.

I have been at Cuboree where over 400 cub scouts from around the state had a fantastic funfilled time, and the rain did not dampen their spirits. We had a group of cub scouts from Moranbah attend Cuboree. Alice Southerly was there also, and a few cubscouts attended from Banksia with Joanne Hamilton.

Julie Thompson
Region Leader Cub Scouts

Scout Section Region Scout Camp 2012

The Region Scout Camp for 2012 was held at Rowallan Park from 09 to 11 June.

There were 24 Scouts (5 Patrols) in attendance this year. Bowen Scout Group had 2 Patrols; Mackay City Central had 2 Patrols and Sarina 1 Patrol. There were also 8 Scout leaders attending the camp. All those attending arrived on Friday night so as to clock up 3 nights under canvas in preparation for Jamboree.

Most of Saturday consisted of construction of the patrol camps, gadgets, etc. During Saturday afternoon the leaders erected a Queenslander tent as a training session for some of the new leaders (and some of the old leaders). The PL's inspected the tent but the leaders think they were really looking for ideas on how to do things and what to expect. Saturday afternoon also saw the patrols prepared for the evening meal (which was being judged). All the patrols had to prepare a 3 course meal. Entree was of their choice, roast beef for the main course and apple crumble for dessert. After some difficulties the patrols all succeeded in producing excellent meals and all the leaders were well fed.

On Sunday morning all the patrols prepared breakfast and chased up the leader they had invited to judge their meal. Once breakfast was complete all patrols headed for the leader's area to see what was in store at the various bases. The 24 Scouts were separated into 4 Patrols and sent off to the 4 bases (Construction, Challenge, Emergency and Orienteering). At the "Construction" base the patrols were required to build as many gadgets as possible using what they were carrying (6 staves, 6 lashing ropes, 6 triangular bandages and 1 tarp).

The "Challenge" base required the scouts build a shelter for them with what they were carrying.

The "Emergency" base had the patrol go over various scenarios and required them to build a stretcher to carry a team member out of camp. At the "Orienteering Course" each patrol member took turns in navigating to the next point on the course. As the Patrol navigated around they were required to take note of the letter and build a word at the end of the course. All the patrols completed successfully and came up with "SMARTIE". They were then rewarded with a packet of Smarties. All the scouts rotated through the bases and then returned to their camps in the afternoon to practice their skits and have dinner.



*After dinner we all went across to the campfire area and after a few songs, the fire was starting to catch nicely and the patrols did their skits. These were certainly interesting and very entertaining. Once all the skits were complete and all the songs sung, we all headed back to camp for supper and bed. Monday morning brought a bright sunny day. The patrols had their breakfast and tidied up before meeting at the leader's area in preparation for the grand event, "Go-Karting"! The scouts were all excited and keen to race down the hill. We pulled the karts up the hill and the scouts lined up with their helmets ready to go down the hill. The first few went a short distance before falling off or crashing into the ditch at the side of the hill. The scouts eventually figured out the karts and track and a few started setting long distance records. One of Mackay City Central Panther Patrol members eventually set the largest distance by making it to the bridge that crosses the dam overflow (longer than last year). There were some cuts and scratches on the various riders and the scouts would have continued all day if we let them. Final parade was held and certificates of participation were handed out to all the patrols that attended. The following were the winners of the various sections of the camp:
Campsite – Kangaroo Patrol (Mackay City Central Scout Group)
Cooking – Lyre Bird Patrol (Bowen Scout Group)*

*Gadgets – Lyre Bird Patrol (Bowen Scout Group)
The overall runners up were Panther Patrol
(Mackay City Central Scout Group) with Kangaroo
Patrol (Mackay City Central Scout Group) being
the overall winners.*



*Dougal McWhinney
Assistant Region Commissioner*

Venturer Scout Section

Venturer Scouts Look Wide – Well, at the moment they seem to be looking down the venture scouts have been honing their Abseiling Skills with the assistance of Rover Alex Cinelli and having a great time. They spent two days learning the rules and improving their skills. We were unable to persuade Warra to put on a harness and join in, and Pera was needed to take the photos.



This has followed several weeks of Photography learning how to use a camera and editing skills, as well as how to manipulate the images. They finished their photography off with a professional photoshoot with Photographer Mark Chapman. For anyone interested he has a facebook page Mark Chapman Photography. There are a couple of

photos of very colourful venture scouts. They all had fun being the subject of the photos and retaliating for some of the colour enhancements. I have it on very good authority that Pera should plan on wearing very old clothes on the upcoming camps as the word revenge was over heard several times.



Sadly we have said goodbye to Platypus(Tamara) who has moved to Brisbane but hopefully she will come back and visit occasionally .

The Echidna camp planning is well underway and the venture scouts will need all of their initiative to complete the weekend activities. The venture scouts are all looking forward to a busy third term.

*Judy Johnson
Region Venturer Scout Leader*

Central and Coastal Region Environment Fun Day

*Rowallan Park Saturday September 8th
There will be a full day program for the youth members from 9 am through to 4 pm the cost for the Fun day will be \$5.00 per youth member to cover activities. These activities can be used towards their badge work .*

Please bring your own lunch.

Closing date for attendance notification will be Saturday September 1st to allow for planning and equipment requirements. Please let Jo Brzozowski know if you are attending with numbers by that date to jobrzozowski@yahoo.com.au .

Why not take advantage of the weekend and camp out. To book your campsite contact Rowallan Park

Campsite by email or phone. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Joann Brzozowski
Environmental Activities Leader.

Mackay City Central Group

The Group has had a productive term with a few youth members moving between levels and a few new additions to most of the tiers.

The highlight of this term was the Family Camp at Kinchant Dam which has been a tradition for many years. Aside from the regular scouting activities this year's camp included the opportunity to tube ride thanks to one of the Venturer Scout leaders and his snazzy boat. Tube rides across the dam were enjoyed by those that were game, providing an exciting addition to the camp. The Camp was well attended and the smiley grubby faces at the end of this year's event, again showed it was a hit with all. Other camps enjoyed throughout the term included a May Day Camp and the Region Scout Camp with Kangaroo patrol taking out this year's title with Panther/Scorpion also from City Central coming second.

To wrap up the term our Joey Scout Mob has organized an outing to Sizzlers to check out just how fresh their food really is. Apparently, dinner is planned for after the tour. Not sure if the motivation for the visit is educational or just simply to fill their bellies. Either way I'm sure they'll have a great time. Similarly, the Cub Scout section has also had their focus on their bellies with Damper Twisties being prepared by camp fire for one of their events.

Venturer Scouts too have been out and about this term. One of the events they participated in was Abseiling. A practice run was held at Rowallan Park before heading out to Kinchant Dam to conquer the Rock climbing wall. Mission accomplished.

At City Central it is not just the kids having fun. A working bee earlier in the term saw many adults waving paint brushes around with the same level of enthusiasm and lack of colour coordination as a bunch of pre-schoolers. Thanks to AJK Contracting for their discounted rates for crusher dust the den grounds are now safer for the youth member activities.

On a serious note a couple of leaders are up skilling. Early next term two of our leaders will be

heading to Rockhampton to throw themselves into some training, quite literally, they will be undertaking a Level 1 Abseiling Training Course. Hope everyone had a great term.

Andrea McPherson
Group Leader Mackay City Central Scout Group



Banksia Scout Group

The Banksia group continues to rebuild with youth member numbers increasing. My "Rocks" aka The Leaders have been busy putting the "out" in scouting with eager members participating in numerous camps. Great reviews have been bandied about for Action Challenge Weekend and Cuboree and everyone is now looking forward to Scoutfest. In the background, we are gaining fantastic and unwavering support from the committee and parents who have been fundraising up a storm. So things are decidedly looking up and, with much optimism, we look forward to the rest of the year.

Till next time yours in scouting

Katrina (Jacala) Hoare
Group Leader Banksia Scout Group

Memorabilia Display

Where: Mackay City Library
When: 13-25 August 2012
Time: 9am to 5pm
10am to 8pm Thursday
9am to 3pm Saturday
Bring along your Mobs, Sixes, Patrols or Units and visit the Scouting Display. Tell your friends and encourage them to check out the Scouting Memorabilia.



Dennis and Heather Tuckerman