



Tim Johnson—20 Years Service

DATES TO

REMEMBER

18-19 Oct JOTA JOTI

At Rowallan Park



Des Allen—Networking

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Central and Coastal Region Newsletter

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Region Commissioner's Report

Well the end of the year is fast approaching and we are about to enter the last term of school!

Youth membership in the region has continued to climb over the last couple of months. The total number of youth members in the region is 171 comprising of 32 Joey Scouts, 72 Cub Scouts, 79 Scouts, 24 Venturer Scouts and 10 Rover Scouts. This count is up 21% since 01 April 2014. At present, we have 32 Leaders (section/group), 34 Support Members (Adult Members & Supporters), 16 Region Leaders and 9 Fellowship members.

In August, ScoutFest was held. Congratulations go to Katrina Hoare (Banksia GL) for undertaking to lead and drive the committee to the planning and execution of a very successful ScoutFest event.

In August we also held our Annual Region Management Seminar (ARMS), which was attended by the Acting QLD Chief Commissioner (Des Allan – DCC Resources). The seminar was well attended by the leaders from the region and good discussion was held on many topics – Training update, Scout Central, WHS legislation changes. During ARMS we also presented various year service badges and Janet Brown's Wood Badge.

Earlier this month the AJ2016 applications opened. Below are some links for AJ2016.

Later this term I will hold an information session at Rowallan Park for interested Scouts & parents.

AJ2016 Website: <http://www.aj2016.com.au>

QLD Contingent: <http://www.aj2016.com.au/table/applications/contingent-application-info/>

Applications: <https://applications.aj2016.com.au/Login.asp>

Next month the region is holding JOTA/JOTI at Rowallan Park and we look like having a large roll up for the region activity at Rowallan Park. Do not forget to order your badges from the Scout Supply Centre.

We also have a Wood Badge Training course at the end of October. We will be chasing up all those eligible to attend to ensure they are registered but also to ensure they have completed the required training modules. If you have any training issues, please contact Margaret Hodda or myself to discuss it further.

Yours in Scouting

Kingfisher

Dougal McWhinney

Region Commissioner (Central and Coastal Region)



Let the Race Begin—Mountain Bikers

Scout Fest —2014—by Katrina Hoare

The first weekend of August seems so long ago but I was pleased to hear a couple of youth members discussing “the best bits” just last week to some new members. It was an amazing, exhausting, exhilarating and frustrating weekend lol. I wouldn’t change a thing (except maybe the frogs and snakes in the toilets).

Over the two days the participants enjoyed:

- *Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Go-Karts, Mountain Bikes, Bike Bungle, Kayaking, Discovery Zone, Petting Zoo, Ropes course, Scout Heritage display, Mud course, Rafts, Sensory Challenge, Pancake making, Snow man building*
- *Saturday night - Carnival - Jumping Castle, Sticky Wall*

From the positive publicity received on the weekend, there has been an increase in enquires on Scouting and membership.

Thank you to the Region for giving us the opportunity to organise the weekend, Dennis & Heather Tuckerman for sharing the Heritage Display and Bob & Margaret Hodda helping out at Rowallan Park before and during the weekend.

Special mention and shout out goes to Sharyn Cripps from Branch Abseiling Team and Region Leader Brendan Ross for the endless abseiling drops and Rovers Josh Brzozowski, Alex Cinelli and Blake Bath for the excellent mud course, music machine, abseiling tower and kayaks.

Thank you to the hardworking committee who gave 110% - Tristan Archibald, Rianne Boyce, Brendan Ross, Deb Rutherford, Joanne Hamilton, Sonia Andrews, Robyn Hazell, Rebecca May, Michael Duggan, Geoffrey Kitchin, Joelene Mackle, Josh Brzozowski and Alex Cinelli.

You all did a fantastic job and gave the youth members a very memorable experience. I don’t know about you but I am looking forward to Scoutfest 2016

and doing it all over again.

*Katrina Hoare
Committee Chair
Scoutfest 2014*

Heritage Display



Chill out with Board Games.



Snowman Puzzle



Scoutfest Photos



Abseiling



Rope Bridge



Climbing Wall

Mud Trench



Mud Maidens

Scoutfest—Vox Pops



Rover Scout Josh
"Great opportunity for all sections to experience true scouting."



Venturer Scout Maddie
"Rock Climbing—was Riveting. Mud Course— Mudtastic!"



Scout Cody
"Mud Course was fun. Enjoyed being with friends."

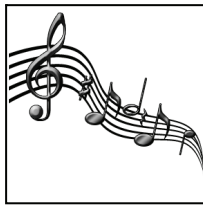


Cub Scout Tamea
"Enjoyed canoeing"



Joey Scout Sam
"It's FUN!"

Banksia Scout Group—GL Katrina Hoare



Sing along "We've been everywhere man...."

From Hinchinbrook Island to Maryborough we have been everywhere this term .

Congratulations to our Venturers Scouts & Rover Scouts who recently hiked [Hinchinbrook Island!!](#) Well done and thank you for all coming back safe and sound with no incident reports.

Because their feet didn't fall off and they have short memories, earlier this month our Venturer Scouts and a few Scouts trekked the Whitsunday Great Walk. Congratulations on beating the record and for staying safe.

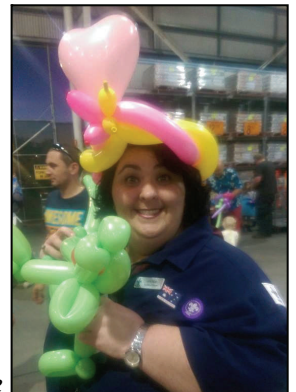
It has been a very busy term with Venturer Scouts also enjoying their yearly challenge camp Echidna.

Several of our Cub Scouts are currently enjoying the hospitality of Cuboree and a big Coca-cola is waiting for Rikki upon her return with sanity intact (no sanity = no coca-cola).

Banksia has been very social this term with Repco's Father's Day Sausage Sizzle and Bunnings Father's Day Activity Night. I was very spoilt with my special hat and crocodile.



Besides Scoutfest 2014 we have also had several Journeys, Patrol activities and extensive badgework. Busy bees are now taking a time out over the school holidays to recharge their batteries for the next round.



Enjoy your break and we will see you soon.

*Yours in scouting
Jacala
Katrina Hoare, Group
Leader
Banksia Scout Group*

*Nic walking the ropes at
Scoutfest*



*Banksia members looking at Heritage Display at
Scoutfest*

Mackay City Central Group — Whitsunday Scout Group

GREY WOLF AWARD—AIDEN PRIDMORE



Mackay City Central Cub Scout Aiden Pridmore was presented with his Grey Wolf Award, the highest award in the Cub Scout Section, at a Special Ceremony at the Lagoon Street Den on Thursday 4th September 2014. Region Commissioner Mr Dougal McWhinney attended the ceremony along with Aiden's family, friends and

fellow Cub Scouts.

Aiden joined the Cub Scout Pack at Mackay City Central Scout Group in January, 2011. He has fulfilled his role as a youth leader to a very high standard, setting a positive example of respect and responsibility for others to follow.

He has completed all three Boomerang Challenge levels and a number of Achievement Badges. He participated in a Cub Scout Leadership Course and uses these skills to assist the Leaders manage the Pack. He has been a regular attendee of and actively participated in Pack, Group and Region Cub Scout activities and events. His enthusiasm to learn new skills, coupled with his willingness to teach, guide and encourage others has earned him the respect of his peers and Leaders. His contributions to the Pack are highly valued and reflect the special personal qualities Aiden possesses. A Ramble in the Lagoons Park with other Cub Scouts doing various tasks along the way, following all safety requirements and partaking in Jungle Book activities in the Pack were other requirements for the Grey Wolf Award.

Cub Scout Leader Mrs Debbie Rutherford, said that Aiden was a worthy recipient of the Grey Wolf Award and it had been a privilege to guide him through the Cub Scout Award Scheme.

Whitsunday Coast Scout group has had a fun term. We went on our first camp to Rowallan Park for Scoutfest. The youth had a blast they all tried all of the activities and believe it or not, all were in bed and asleep at a reasonable hour.

As the group is a mixed group of only a couple in each section, I have been trying to do programmes to fit around them all. 1st term we covered Joey Scout activities and this term we did Cub Scouts and the Jungle book theme. Next term we are hoping to start on health and safety and this will enable us to work on all three sections badge work. The last week before the school holidays a few of us participated in the Heart Foundation door knock as part of the community work.

Toby Bragg in the Joey Scout section earned his environment badge. The new leader has been busy last term with outside commitments so hoping he gets to be involved this term and start working with the youth on his programming etc. We will endeavour to partake in JOTA JOTI in October.

We are hoping to do another camp in November and get some fishing and sailing in over the next term.

GL Kathy Ball

Whitsunday Scout Group



Venturer Scouts—Bike Bungle—Scoutfest

Pioneer Valley Scout Group News & Venturer Scout Hike Camp



On Friday evening 15th August 2014 was a busy night for investitures for the Pioneer Valley Scout Group. Firstly Scout Leader Chris Allen reaffirmed his promise and has transferred from Banksia Scout Group to Pioneer Valley Scout Group. This was followed by investitures in the Joey Scout Section, Cub Scout Section and lastly the Scouts. Since then there have been some more investitures.

Some members attended Scoutfest and enjoyed the occasion.

Hinchinbrook Hike

Written By Venturer Scout Bethany Pinkard

During the first week of the June/July Holidays, 6 venturer scouts, set off on an adventure that none of them would ever forget. Their destination: Hinchinbrook Island.

We started the adventure on a slightly overcast Sunday morning where we met at the designated stop to be picked up and driven to the Ingham Scout Den where we had to prepare for our journey by packing the last of our required belongings.

The following morning we rose before the sun to pack-up and drive to Lucinda where we caught a ferry over to the Island. From there we walked along the beach until we came to our first creek crossing then continued along the beach until we found the track that lead inland. We followed this track for about an hour and a half before finding our first destination at the Mulligan Falls campsite. We arrived rather early so we had a lot of the day just relaxing by the falls and swimming at the bottom. That night for some of us the cards were on the table as we played some intense snap while others just chilled around the campsite.

On Tuesday morning we started to hike at about 6:30am but didn't get very far too quickly as we were confronted by some very steep hills. Even though the first half of the day was quite hard we

were more than rewarded when we stopped for lunch with absolutely beautiful view before us. When we were close to the campsite we crossed a creek that ran to the edge of a cliff. Zoe Falls was such an amazing spot to stop and just take it all in. We made it to the campsite safe and sound. At the bottom of the falls we could swim although most decided against it due to the fact that it was a lot cooler here and there was more shade. There were two campsites available to us here we could camp in a rainforest or on the beach. We decided that staying on the beach would be a nice treat. Wednesday was the longest and hardest day of the trek. The majority of the group were really feeling it by lunch time and a few were starting to burn out. The morning was spent on a track in a rainforest and from lunch onwards was mostly on the beach. We crossed several creeks and Boulder Bay which took a while to cross because it was covered in boulders. After Boulder Bay was our final campsite at Nina Bay upon arrival most of us flopped onto the ground, wanting nothing more than to just sit there for a few hours. Some set up their tents on the beach while others went to retrieve water to make dinner and have warm drinks. Cont. P7

Region Venturer Scouts—by Judy Johnson

To be able to catch the ferry on time in the morning we had to wake up at about 3am to pack up and have something to eat and be ready to go by 5am. We had to walk a small length of the hike in the dark on a track. It was overcast which wasn't really helping with that but we managed. After following the track for a while we emerged onto the beach where we were lucky enough to be able to see Mount Bowen in the clouds. We didn't have to walk far when we found the boardwalk. We made it to the jetty when it started to rain it didn't last long but we got our dining fly out and sat under it. We boiled some water for coffee and made what everyone is calling 'That Coffee Concoction'. It was basically every one of the coffee sachets we had left mixed into one pot of water and to be honest it really wasn't that bad. We got back to the main land we decided to go on another small adventure to Wallaman Falls. This trip was definitely a trip of a life time and on that I would do again in a heartbeat.

By Venturer Scout Bethany Pinkard

Hinchinbrook Camp



Regional Venturer Scouts have been north, south, east and west this term and look like they are planning to travel further in the future. In August they attended Scoutfest and from all reports really enjoyed themselves. This was followed by Echidna camp held on a private property at Kinchant Dam, this is where their skills were put to the test with the having to navigate to different bases in the middle of the night.

Nothing says winter more than huddling by a fire at midnight waiting for them to check in and have Lunch. At least the leaders didn't have to cross the water in the dark on a handmade raft, the water was a tempting 12.2 degrees and the surrounding air only 4.3 so it was probably warmer in the water. But no one went swimming proving that they do know their knots.

Over the past few years, there have been several groups of Venturer Scouts that have hiked the Whitsunday Great Walk and all have found it Challenging due to the Terrain. The latest group from Mackay set off with a different mission to the rest, each group has had their times recorded and the latest group set the target of finishing before the fastest existing time. I think they thought it would be a piece of cake after completing two, four day hikes, this year. From the comments overheard it was not as easy as they thought it was going to be but they succeeded and should be proud of their efforts.

Bowen Venturer Scouts have been off Camping and improving their skills as well as running a very successful Trivia night raising much needed funds and fun. Improving their numbers and building on their successes. Things are looking interesting and venturing is certainly active in Bowen.

The Region's Venturer Scout leaders have completed training and have been assisting the youth members to stretch their skills and abilities, it is pleasing to see the Venturer Scouts on the committees of Region Events and Activities with all reports of them doing a wonderful Job. The next Region Venturer Scout activity is CCV or Central and Coastal Venture at Kinchant Dam the last weekend of November. It is promising to be a fun packed challenging event with everyone having a great time.

So until next time

Look Wide

Judy Johnson Region Leader Venturer Scouts

Rowallan Park Committee

Rowallan Park & Fellowship

The absence of Lance who is currently on a working holiday in the United Kingdom and France accompanied by his wife Lynn I have the job of composing a few sentences about Rowallan Park and the Fellowship.

Some acknowledgments are listed below of achievements and milestones recognized at the Annual Region Management Seminar held at Rowallan Park on Saturday, 23rd August 2014:

- *Janet Brown received her Woodbadge beads and certificate – a well earned asset. Not only does the Scouting role involve hours of volunteer community involvement but it also involves considerable study and practical development skills training which consumes precious family and leisure time. Janet is currently the Secretary of the Rowallan Park Fellowship. Congratulations Janet.*
- *Brian Harvey was presented with his 20 year Service Recognition Award – Brian has contributed a lot of time and energy to the youth of Mackay and the Scout Movement in particular. Considerable training time is expended to maintain the adult leader status in the Movement as well as the valuable community service given with pride and self satisfaction. Brian is currently the Leader in Charge of the Mackay City Central Group during a training period for the incoming Group Leader. Congratulations Brian.*
- *Joe Kearns was presented with his 30 year Service Recognition Award. Joe was originally a Leader with the 1st Mackay Group and transferred to the Fellowship some years ago due to time constraints with his current self employment. For many years, going back to when there was a Mackay District with a District Commissioner Joe Kearns carried out service support work that was of great assistance to the events staged in the Region. He still currently does this not so obvious work to support the Region as well as his contributions to tasks at Rowallan Park. Congratulations Joe.*
- *Julie Thompson is welcomed to our ranks within the Rowallan Park Fellowship having recently retired from her Region Leader role. Julie has been busy with other activities which are very noticeable to those who have watched her and husband, Roy, on Facebook distributing his retirement funds all over the World. Julie has a long association with the Scout Movement going back to the time when she was the Group Leader of Collinsville Group many years ago. Welcome to the Rowallan Park Fellowship Julie.*



Rowallan Park is looking great and is being well patronised by the Mountain Bike Club, Camp Eagle who just last week had a three day camp with one hundred high school students, Scouting activities, private runners using the tracks, members of the community hiking and bird watching as well as some private people camping from time to time.

The Mackay Rover Crew has been very active with the refurbishment of the Frank Head Chapel Site. This site is now really perfect for its purpose or just to visit a rest a while in the beautiful bush and natures displays. Thanks a million, Rovers! I witnessed the hard work you all put into the job along with the fun you enjoyed whilst doing this good deed.

Bob Hodda

For Lance Hodda

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