

Central and Coastal Region Newsletter

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One Lucky Mum!

DATES TO

REMEMBER

JOTI JOTA 17-18 October

CQ Venture 28-29 November



Annual Meeting

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Region Commissioner's Report

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

Youth membership in the region has continued to slowly climb over the last couple of months. The total number of youth members in the region is 207 comprising of 17 Joey Scouts, 78 Cub Scouts, 75 Scouts, 26 Venturer Scouts and 11 Rover Scouts. This count is up 10% since 01 April 2014. At present, we have 2 Assistant Region Commissioners, 4 Region Leaders, 6 Group Leaders/LIC, 2 Assistant Group Leaders 26 Section Leaders, 21 Adult Members/Adult Helpers & Supporters and 10 Fellowship members.

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



In August we also held our Annual Region Management Seminar (ARMS), which was attended by Trevor Ruthenberg the new General Manager for Scouts Queensland. The seminar was well attended by the leaders from the region and good discussion was held on many topics.

AJ2016 is creeping up on us and at the end of this month the last payment will be due. For those who applied for fund through the RC Jamboree fund, you should find out should if you were successful. All of the youth members attending should have been contacted by their Jamboree Troop Leader (JTL) and should know what troops they are in. If they haven't, please contact me and I will find out what is happening. Keep an eye on the AJ2016 website as they will update various things on there as we get closer to the event. There are new maps that show where all the camps are and next month I will send out a list the shows where everyone is located.

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>

October 17-18 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 Basic Practical Training course at the end of November. I will be chasing up all those eligible to attend to ensure they are registered but also to ensure they have completed the required training module attachments. If you have any training issues, please contact me to discuss it further.

Yours in Scouting

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Dougal McWhinney

Region Commissioner (Central and Coastal Region)

QUEENSLAND VENTURE 2016. ROCKHAMPTON

Its official Queensland Venture is happening, July 2nd to 9th 2016 in Rockhampton. This is an exciting adventure for the Venturer Scouts. All Participants must have their Venturer Scout Skills Badge to attend and meet the age criteria. The official launch of information will be the last weekend in November or CCV for us 2015

With the end of the year rushing to meet us, Venturer Scouts who have completed their Venturer Scout Award and are in Year 12 are eligible to apply for recognition and allocation of QCE points towards their Certificate of Education. Ask your Leader if you require more information.

The way Venturer Scout Section Courses are delivered is changing and it will make it easier for our region. This is great news for the Venturer Scout Section.

The third term is always busy but it is especially so for Venturer Scouts who are in year 12. Their lives are about to change forever, they are completing school and looking at universities, or entering the workforce full time. Some will be moving away from home. Please encourage them to look at continuing their Scouting through Rover Scouts. There are many crews, encourage them to continue to look if they don't fit the first crew they come in contact with. CCV 15 is on the last weekend of November and open to all Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Scouts over the age of 13.5. It is run at Kinchant Dam and applications have been sent to all Venturer Scout Units. Please make sure your application is in on time. There is a Facebook group called CCV Central and Coastal Venture or you can email the organising committee on ccv4740@gmail.com for more information.

The presentation at Government House of Queen's Scout Awards by the Governor was attended by two of our Venturer Scouts, Daniel O'Neill and Tristan Archibald. Congratulations on your achievement and I am sure that you enjoyed the experience and will have a very interesting story to tell your friends and families.

*So until next time Look wide
Judy Johnson*



Venturer Scouts in action at Scout Care



Banksia Scout Group News— Den Make-Over

DEN MAKE OVER

Celebrations were held at Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove on Friday 14th August.



Sea FM team broadcasted LIVE from the hall from 2pm-5pm, to reveal the newly renovated Banksia Scout Hall. They were the big winners of the Telstra & Sea FM Clubhouse Makeover. A jumping castle for some fun for the children and a sausage sizzle was held to promote community awareness.

A great roll up of youth members, leaders, parents and visitors were there to celebrate the great improvements to their scout hall, which will be much more pleasant in the summer months.

The make-over included a full outside paint job, pressure cleaning of the roof, application of a new coat of primer and two coats of thermos roof paint, supply and installation of 2 whirlybirds, and wall fan installation inside the hall to keep it cool. Supply and installation of four sets of aluminium expanded mesh step treads for door openings at the side of the hall. Repairs to damaged panels and lining of the ceiling in the toilets.

New signs to identify the club house from Grace's Signs n' Paint are still to be installed. Group Leader Katrina Hoare and her committee of hardworking parents, the leaders and youth members are very proud of their fresh new look scout den, thanks to sponsors Sea FM and Telstra.



AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLIONS—GREY WOLF AWARDS

Two very capable scouts, have extended themselves in achieving their Australian Scout Medallions. Scouts Riley Simpson and Jasmin Ney of Banksia Scout Group were recently presented with their Australian Scout Medallions at a special troop meeting to celebrate the occasion.

Riley previously gained his Grey Wolf Award in Cub Scouts and advanced to the Scout Section, however Jasmin only started in the Scout Section. Both have continued to be an outstanding members of the Scout Troop.

Both Riley and Jasmin took part in a Bike Hike of 120 kilometres, starting at Kuttatubul and riding the back roads to Calen and down to Smalleys Beach and Cape Hillsborough. This was a very challenging course and they had fun in completing the task.

Riley said he has enjoyed participating in Scout Fest at Rowallan Park, Region Scout Competition Camps, Operation Rainbow Bird at Eungella, however going to the CCV Tri-Venture Camp at Kinchant Dam was his favourite activity. The biggest Highlight of his scouting was attending the 23rd Australian Jamboree at Maryborough Qld in January of 2013.

Riley was invested in the Venturer Scout section at the formal dinner in June.

Jasmin visited 4CRM on a Scout Patrol activity and has continued to volunteer ever since and now has her own segment of a Tuesday evening. Over her years in Scouts she has participated in all scout troop and region activities. Besides her scouting, Jasmin is very musical minded and is a member of the band at Mackay Christian College playing the double base.

At the ceremony Scout Leader Sonia Andrews presented both participants with their Australian Scout Medallions and badges and stated that the two recipients have been outstanding scouts who are very capable and achieved above and beyond what they needed to do. Riley and Jasmin thanked their parents, leaders a fellow scouts for their encouragement and help along the way to successfully fulfilling the requirements of the Award. They cut a special cake made for the occasion.



Many hours of hard work and dedication have paid off for three Cub Scouts from Banksia Group at Andergrove, with Quinn Vella, Rueben Dale and Cody Hamilton being presented with their Grey Wolf Award the highest award in the Cub Scout Section.

Central and Coastal Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney congratulated the three Cub Scouts and stressed that not all Cub Scouts receive this award, it is only the ones who are dedicated enough to put in the extra effort to complete all the challenges required to achieve the award.

Cody advanced to the Cub Scout Pack from the Joey Scout Mob in 2013. Quinn joined the Cub Scout Pack in 2013 and later in the year Rueben joined them. Quinn and Cody achieved all three levels of the Boomerang Award scheme however Rueben only achieved the Silver and Gold Levels. All three Cub Scouts achieved numerous Achievement Badges and completed Special Interest Badges including Local History, Waterwise, and Their Service, Our Heritage. They also completed the Cub Scout Leadership Course in 2014. Cody went on a Bushwalk at Cape Hillsborough exploring the St Andrew's Point trail whilst Reuben and Quinn explored closer to home, the Blue Water Trail. They were required to make a resource for the Cub Scout Pack, Quinn presented the Pack with a painting, Rueben a game and Cody knotting boards.

The three Cub Scout selected someone who is significant in their lives who has helped them along their journey in Cub Scouts to present them with their Grey Wolf Award Badge.

Reuben chose his father Simon, Quinn his Pa, and Cody his sister Madison. Their Cub Scout Leader Joanne Hamilton presented them with their Award Certificates.

The evening concluded with the cutting of the celebratory cake and plenty of delicious finger foods.



Banksia Scout Group News—Continued

What a term!! I have seriously struggled with writing a report this term. So much has happened and I don't want to miss anything so here we go.

Regionally we enjoyed ScoutCare 2015 – All Abilities at Rowallan Park on the 1st August. What a great weekend we had. Personally I was very proud of our Region's youth members for their manners and actions towards our guests from All Abilities Mackay.

The pure joy that I witnessed on the faces over the weekend was one of the biggest highs of my scouting time and I can't wait for ScoutFest 2016 – Putting the "Out" in Scouts.

Our Joey Scouts have been very active with many busy nights at the den. They also had a special visit from Mrs Lyn Mann, NSW State Commissioner, Joey Scouts and Mrs Jo Trinder who had just returned from the World Jamboree held in Japan.

Our guests were very "sick" after their travels and had to be attended to by our very diligent Joey Scouts.



I also received some beautiful thank you cards made from our Joey Scouts outlining the wonderful time they had at ScoutCare 2015.

Cub Scouts and Scouts have also been very busy this term with activities happening nearly every weekend. Third term is always a very full-on term with the cooler weather being the perfect time for hikes and journeys.

We had a few big achievements this term with Quinn, Reuben & Cody achieving their Grey Wolf Award.

Congratulations also to Riley & Jasmine on achieving their Australian Scout Medallion.

Venturer Scouts have had a quieter term with a few camps and Region activities. Fun times were had by one and all at Nighthawk camp in Townsville, ScoutCare 2015, Monopoly in the CBD, East Point Campfire and a visit to the Racecourse Sugar Mill.

Our den has had a very special term with a facelift thanks to Sea-FM and Telstra's "Clubhouse makeover". We started the term with the leaders cleaning out the bunker and leaders room and reorganising the space. Then we got the news that we had won the makeover.

It was amazing and such a relief for all of us who have been working so hard to do some upkeep to the den. We still have a couple things to finish up but the reveal was a great success and we received really positive feedback from the community and an increase in membership enquiries.

The good news kept on coming with our successful application for a grant from the National Australia Bank Employee Volunteer Grants Program. Thanks to the grant and a donation from Nabilla Riverlink Estate we received our 4 gorgeous new canoes!

We must also thank Hazell Sheet Metal for repairing the canoe trailer, BCF for the great price on the canoes and Josh B (Rover) for picking them up in time for an event.



Our Mackay Community has definitely shown their support this term and we thank every single member.

Term 4 is shaping up nicely with Jota/Joti and a few other activities so we will be hitting the ground running as usual.

My last thought is of Facebook and how amazing it is to have such information at your fingertips, HOWEVER..... less than 100 days to Christmas is really something I was not ready to hear. So buckle up one and all, it is going to be a very fast term.

*Yours in Scouting (and in Xmas denial)
Jacala, Katrina Hoare*

Scoutcare—All Abilities Camp— Story and Photos M Wallace

World Scout Day was celebrated by Central and Coastal Region Scouts by inviting children and their families from All Abilities Mackay to a day of activities at Rowallan Park to give them an opportunity to try out what is on offer at scouts.

115 scouting youth members and their leaders many of whom camped at Rowallan Park from Friday night to Sunday along with 30 members of All Abilities Mackay who visited for the day on Saturday, enjoyed the base type activities set up for the event.

The rope bridge and low ropes course was a real hit with the children, along with the baby animals from Old Macdonald's Farm, cub scout abseiling, canoeing, carnival games, ballista painting, tie dying, sensory boxes, sand painting (compliments of Shelley from Bunnings), and Ryley Ellison Photography. Some members of the SES were present to lend a hand. The Special Olympians organised a sausage sizzle for lunch to raise money for their organisation, and Care Kitchen donated sweets for afternoon tea.

All Abilities Mackay presented Central and Coastal Region Scouts with a Certificate of Appreciation for the staging of this event.

This activity was a great opportunity for scouting youth members to share their activities with children with a variety of disabilities.



Scoutcare—Vox Pops and More Photos

Youth members were asked what activity they liked best at “Scoutcare All Abilities Camp?”



Angus—The Hot Dogs for lunch and Abseiling.



Mollie—Ballista Painting because I got messy and the Rope Bridge



Ryley—Abseiling because I’ve never done it before



Riley— The Rope Bridge was fun.



Ryley Ellison Photography



Pioneer Valley Scout News—Mackay City Central Scout News

Pioneer Valley Scouts and Cub Scouts have had a busy term. Everybody turned up to participate in Scout Care 2015 and had an enjoyable day. Thanks to Banksia Scout Group for allowing our Scouts to camp with them.

The Cub Scouts have been learning about safety this term – home safety, road safety, fire safety and water safety. The Group have a visit from Acting Sergeant Marshall Roper who talked about safety and showed us his Police Vehicle, his bullet proof vests and other equipment.

Trainee Scout Leader “Smokey” brought along his firefighting equipment and the children all got to have a go at using the portable backpack spray equipment.

Thanks go to the Ergon Energy people building the new power substation at Marian. They gave us a tour of their facility on Friday 11th September. It was very interesting to find out about how the substation converts the high voltage electricity to lower voltage and to see how it all works.

Our Scouts have started working on their Landcare badge with a special land care project happening along the Pioneer River bank at Melba House. A couple of hours work each month will go a long way.

Sue Jensen, Group Leader PVSG

COMMUNITY GROUP NETWORKING!

Gee its hard raising funds! Everyone is time poor, no one wants to buy raffle tickets anymore.....but guess what other groups need extra hands, so why not do each other a favour!

That is exactly what the Mackay City Central Group did on the first weekend in August... assisted the Seaforth Progress Association. Approximately 16 of the MCC group turned up to direct cars, man parking lots, set up signage and then provide Scout Repellent – arm bands that ensured that no other scouts would ask you for money!

At the conclusion of the day MCC had helped the Progress Association raise approximately \$2200 which was split 50/50. On the 11 September the President of the Progress Association stopped by to present a cheque for \$1100.



Mr Len Turvey from Seaforth Progress & Sports Assn presenting a cheque to Mackay City Central Group.

Andrea McPherson, GL MCCSG



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE—JAPAN—By Christian & Joanne Trinder

The following questions were put to Christian Trinder and his mother Joanne Trinder when they returned from the International Jamboree in Japan.

Where in Japan was it held.

Although the camp part of the jamboree was held in Yama-guchi we went all along the south of Japan to world famous cities such as Tokyo, Osaka and Hiroshima for the pre tour. For the three days we spent at home stay (An event where we stayed with a host family who showed us Japanese ways and customs.) we stayed at the scenic "Seto Island."

The Activities

The multiple activities offered at the world jamboree are designed to help us understand our world and how it worked. By working alongside the other countries we helped to achieve a common goal much inline with the theme of the jamboree a spirit of unity.

Christian's Highlights

My major highlights about this camp was interacting with the other countries and meeting new people who were very friendly. I met incredible people who were funny , outgoing and kind but the most important person I met , the person who connected with all of us in his small way the line leader of foxtrot three (my patrol) Duncan McRae.

His Feeling about the Camp

I have felt that it was an experience of an life time I made life long memories and learnt valuable lessons the world is bigger than I thought it was and I can't wait to learn more about it.

Christian's Mother Joanne Trinder's perspective and what she thought of the Jamboree.

The Jamboree is a wonderful exciting and challenging experience. It opens your mind to new possibilities. To spend two weeks working, playing and enjoying the company of so many nationalities, gave me great hope for the future. That we as a people can work as one towards one common goal and prevent events that happened in Hiroshima, almost 70 years ago. To be part of an event where you can meet so many people from such diverse backgrounds at breakfast, lunch and dinner, enjoying not only a meal together but all working towards the beliefs in scouting. We both developed new friendships, new skills, and learnt a lot about ourselves and our friends. It was great touring and seeing the sites that Japan offered. If you have an opportunity to attend a world jamboree, it will be an unforgettable and worthwhile experience and may encourage you to follow your wildest dreams.

How many People were at the Jamboree.

At the jamboree there were 30,000 people from 135 regions countries and territories.



Monawee and Hathi's Scouting Adventures in Belgium

Monawee, Dennis and Hathi, Heather Tuckerman left for a holiday in Belgium to visit Rodger Oorschot a scouting leader who they first met at the Jamboree at Elmore in Victoria. Those who attended the 2013 Jamboree in Maryborough may remember Rodger as he travelled on the bus with us from Mackay. The following is an account of their adventures written by Dennis.

We were met at the Dusseldorf airport in Germany by Rodger and some leaders from Belgium and the Netherlands. Enroute to Achel in Belgium we had a tour of a coalmine and a windmill tour. Rodger treated us by showing us some of the tourist attractions, and the highest point over looking Belgium, Germany and Holland's borders where you could stand on the three borders. We also visited St Pietersberg Village and a Prison of War camp. Early on the Saturday morning we were off on a trip of 150 kilometres to Scout and Guide Leaders Camp with around 3000 young leaders from 18 to 36 years of age – a mini Jamboree. There were 65 scouting district in attendance from Belgium, Germany and Holland. We were guests at the camp and were invited to show the leaders, skills from Australia, so we put on a display of Australian Fauna and Flora plus deadly snakes, spiders and marine creatures, sharks, crocodiles and dangerous insects and how to survive in outback Australia. The both of us worked non-stop for two and a half hours. Once the word had spread that there were leaders there from Australia we were inundated.



Rodger took us on a tour of the campsite and we were the guests of the Herfstont Meeting at HQ where I presented the Camp Chief with a gift from Scouts Australia. We were both given mementoes at their Tipi or HQ Tent.

On the Sunday we visited a very old village called Valkenburg then out to the Maastricht Wall where we walked all around the wall approx. 3 square kilometres that stopped the enemy from taking the city.

That afternoon we visited the biggest Scout and Guide Museum in Belgium at Leuven. It took around two hours to see the impressive displays.



The next two days we spent around Achel and met up with some Pathfinders who couldn't do enough for us when they found out that we were from Australia and we were involved in scouting. Wednesday we visited Ieper and the cemeteries where some Australians soldiers were laid to rest. We attended the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. The service is held every night at 8pm. Once again we were welcomed as true Aussies. Thursday and Friday we visited Brussels Brugge Brewery, The Brussels Expo Grounds, Antwerp plus many other villages. On Saturday evening Rodger hosted a farewell BBQ for us with 50 leaders attending. All good things had to come to an end and we were off to the plane for the return journey home. Scouting is a great place for true friendship all over the world.



