

Central Coast Region

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Memorabilia Display at Scoutfest

DATES TO REMEMBER

JOTA & JOTI 14-16TH OCT

NORTHERN ZONE
AQUASTASTICS 6TH NOV 2-5PM VICTORIA PARK POOL

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The very popular train at Scoutfest



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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!

Membership

The total number of youth members in the region as at the end of August was 623 comprising of 63 Joey Scouts, 247 Cub Scouts, 220 Scouts, 67 Venturer Scouts and 26 Rover Scouts. This count is up 11% since 01 May 2016. The overall target for this year is 577 Youth members (each group to grow by at least 1 youth member).

At present we have a total of 189 Adult Members comprising of 10 Region Leaders, 103 group/section Leaders, 59 Support Members (Adult Members & Adult Helpers), and 17 Fellowship members.

ScoutFest

At the end of July, ScoutFest was held at Rowallan Park. 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.

JOTA/JOTI

Next month the region is holding JOTA/JOTI at Rowallan Park (coordinated by Dougal McWhinney), Seeonee Park (coordinated by Scott Neil) and Dolphin Sea Scouts Scout Den (coordinated by Milton Redshaw). We look forward to having a good roll up for the three region activities and hopefully we all make some good contacts. Do not forget to order your badges from the Scout Supply Centre.

Rowallan Park Abseiling Tower

Manufacturing of the tower is proceeding but unfortunately it has had a few delays due to the manufacturer losing a few of his key employees. The tower is scheduled for completion around late October. Some photos below.

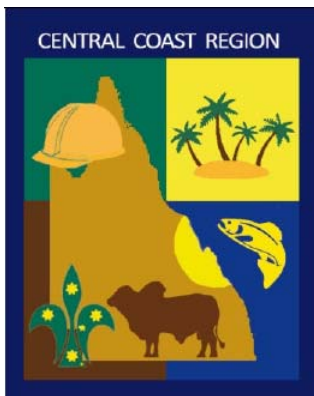


Training

We have a Basic and advanced Practical Training course running at the Rowallan Park at the end of October and a Basic Practical at Seeonee Park at the beginning of November. GL's please chase up all those eligible to attend and ensure they are registered. If you have any training issues, please feel free contact me to discuss it further.

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New Central Coast Region Badge

Well the count is in and the Chief Commissioner of QLD has approved the new badge design (image below). Congratulations goes to Lesley Bullemor (GL Bowen Scout Group)

for her winning design. Next stage is to get pricing, place an order and then send everyone in the region a badge.

- Queensland silhouette with Central Coast Region highlighted
- Jumping fish indicative of our healthy Pacific Ocean and related fishing
- Tropical Islands from the southern to northern extremes & Great Barrier Reef
- Brahman Bull represents the cattle industry from Capricornia
- Hard hat - industry inclusive of significant mining throughout the west of region
- Colours(Quarters) of the Region:
 - Yellow – sun
 - Blue - sky
 - Ochre – soil
 - Green –life

Yours in Scouting

Kingfisher Dougal McWhinney
Region Commissioner (Central Coast Region)



Rowan Cahill was presented with his 5 year Service Badge and Margaret Hodda her 55 years Service Badge at the Annual Meeting.

SCOUTFEST 2016 —BY KATRINA HOARE
Held by the northern groups in Central Coast Region, over 170 youth members, leaders, parents and siblings joined us at Rowallan Park 29 -31 July 2016 for a weekend of fun and celebration.

Combined with 100 years of celebration for Cub Scouts the event was also an Open Day for the public to attend and learn about scouting and get to know us a little better. After a slow start with bookings this exploded the night before with over 100 tickets sold to the public and another 80-90 through the gate on the day.

Open day activities included abseiling tower, cub scout abseiling, low ropes course, rope bridge, mud course, canoeing, mountain biking, ballistas, damper making, rope making, raft races, go-karts and membership and a historical memorabilia display.

Very positive feedback was received from youth members and the public. We have also been getting an increase in membership enquiries and applications from the publicity generated.

The night time celebration had Re-Affirmation of Promise, disco, jumping castle and horizontal bungee. What a night! The leaders boogied up a storm, much to the chagrin of the youth members.

Thank you to all the leaders and parents who supported us throughout the planning and on the day, it is greatly appreciated and we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

A special thank you and BRAVO to my fellow committee members – Christine Bower & Deborah Rutherford of MCC, Sonia Andrews and Joanne Hamilton of Banksia and Brendan Ross & Alex Cinelli from Region. I am really looking forward to working with you all again for ScoutFest 2017!!

Katrina Hoare, Chairperson of Organising Committee
Group Leader Banksia Group



SCOUT FEST PHOTOS



BANKSIA SCOUT GROUP—By GL Katrina Hoare

This term has been action packed and full of camps, journeys, activities and achievements.

Joey Scouts capped off the term with a trip to Hogwarts hosted by Venturers, , Rovers,, Leaders at Rowallan Park on 16 – 18 September. One of the new classes offered by Hogwarts was “Broom Construction 101” where junior wizards and witches in training are able to construct their own brooms that are more controllable and less likely to be bewitched as were some brooms have been. (Photo at the bottom of page, trying out the broomsticks.)

They were quickly put to use with the Joeys Scouts having flying classes with Madam Hooch prior to the Quiddich practice to see if any were worthy to join the house teams. We were happy to report that all of the Joey Scouts successfully passed the first stage of the Magical Licence for beginners and have received their certificates prior to being collected by their parents.

The Students and staff of Hogwarts will now enjoy the luxury of several days’ relaxation before the start of the new term.

We have some Cub Scouts that have departed Mackay for Cuboree on the weekend with Rikki – so far the reports have been fun filled and exhausting. The cub scouts are going to have some great stories to tell upon their return.

Every year Bunnings has hosted an activities night for Father’s Day and again our Group attended with some great gifts being made and a few fears faced with the climbing wall being a huge hit. A big BRAVO was called for Shelley and the team at Bunnings.



Venturer Scouts were busy with a trip to Rockhampton for the Region “Capture the Flag” which was won by a Banksia team. It wasn’t all fun and games this term with a lot of work with an Initiative course, Unit management course and a service camp. One of the main badges earned this term was Lifestyle with the Venturers’ Zumba-ing their way to a healthier lifestyle and the “Extreme Nutbush Challenge”.

Teaching the Joey Scouts the Nutbush



Banksia Group -ASM & Wood Badge Presentation

Achievements for the Term have been exciting:

Lachlan Kentwell was presented his ASM by his dad Peter, Hanna Atherstone was presented her Woodbeads by her son, Timothy and Adam Trinder was presented his ASM by his dad Ken.

That's it I think, it has been an amazing term and I am so proud of our leaders and Adult Supporters that are on this journey with me. Thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to Scouting.

Regards

Katrina Hoare

Group Leader Banksia Scout Group



**Hanna and Timothy
Atherstone Wood Badge
Presentation**



Ken and Adam Trinder ASM Presentation



**Peter and Lachlan Kentwell
ASM Presentation**

Former recipients of the ASM from Banksia Group at Adam's presentation



Bowen Scout Group—By Lesley Bullemor

July, August and September are often the best months of the year to be in the Whitsundays. The sun is usually shining, blue skies and cooler temperatures. For the Scout Group it means camps, outdoor activities, trips and fun.

July began with Hummingbird – for us a joint activity with WhitsundayCoast Group, held at Bunnings, Cannonvale. A little awkward to organise given the store we were involved with is in a different town, but the outcome was worth the effort. A real treat working with Whitsunday Coast Leaders and youth and the Bunnings Cannonvale store staff – this is a great example of a collaborative effort reaping rewards.



At the same time as Scouts were down at Cannonvale, our Cub Scouts were assisting our Group by tidying up after NAIDOC celebrations in Bowen.

When the Superboats come to town it means two things: 1. Venturer Scouts run their easiest money-maker for the year babysitting the boats whilst



2. Our Group has an opportunity to put Scouts in the public eye with a foodstall fundraiser at the night street party. I am pleased to report that no boats disappeared whilst under the watchful eye of our Venturer Unit and that our Group is now very experienced at handling bratwurst and sauerkraut! While in many ways these events are run-of-the-mill, there was something to learn from each event. The food stall offered a surprise bonus for My Kitchen Rules fans when Gareth chose to buy our food!

Our Cub Scouts, their families and friends celebrated 100 years of adventure with a Cub Scout 100th Anniversary Jungle Party/Campfire. Our Cub Scouts challenged themselves to cook a campfire dinner for 40 guests with potatoes and corn cooked in the coals, hot dogs and a very special birthday cake. Guests at Bowen's campfire included Lone Guides Brianna and Keeley, and Akela, a Cub Scout Leader from Benalla, Victoria on a 4 week work placement in Bowen.



The campfire was a winner and Cub Scout Leaders and helpers can be proud of their efforts. We'd like to mention that the extra help received from our Venturers and Scouts made things so much easier for Cub Scout Leaders.



Bowen Scout Group—By Lesley Bullemor

World Scout Day saw our members who attend St Mary's Catholic School present their Principal with a Scout Scarf. Our youth proudly wore their scarves at school that day and expertly answered questions about Scouting from their mates. When addressing the school assembly it was reassuring to hear, when asked if anyone knew what the maroon colour of the scarf stood for, even the smallest of faces present said "Go Maroons".



A small recycling operation was undertaken in August that saw an estimated 1200 outdated phone books taken to the recycling plant. We learnt these materials are destined to travel by truck to Brisbane where there are shipped in bales to China. Eye-opening!!!

Two of our Scouts participated in the Scout Leadership Course. Scouts have also been working on their Construction Target this term – evidence of which is an ever-improving catapult in the grounds.



Whitsunday Cub Scouts and the Joey Scout Mob came to Bowen late September for a visit. Lots of games and rope challenges and Baloo challenged the Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts to move a tin can without touching it -only using a rubber band and some ropes.

Once they had mastered that, he challenged them to move the can and balance it on the top of a 'witches hat' while removing the rubber band. Lots of fun was had and Bowen Pack looks forward to visiting the Joey's and Cub's down in Airlie soon. Special thanks to the Whitsunday Coast parents and Leaders for making this inter-pack activity possible.



We haven't mentioned our Venturer Scouts much so far but don't let our silence trick you into thinking they have gone quiet. Far from it! Activities this term have included QV, Capture the Flag/Initiative course, Unit Management Course, Waffle night, Mexican Feast Night, a debate on the boundaries of free speech, Superboat Fundraiser, helpers at the Jungle party and a paint fight thrown in for a bit of fun.



Pioneer Valley Scout Group—By Sue Jensen

It's been a busy term at Pioneer Valley Scout Group. We started the term with a visit to the Ambulance Station at Paget. Paramedic Josh tested our first aid knowledge, showed us all his paramedic equipment and the ambulance vehicle. Everyone had an enjoyable night.



We also went to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience at the MECC. It was all very interesting and informative.



We went to Scout Fest at Rowallan Park with some Youth Members camping with Banksia Scout Group for the weekend and others going out just for the day.

We had our own Olympics over two weeks. We had a torch relay (candle lighting relay), made flags and did a march past in our teams and played modified sports such as javelin (with straws), discus (with paper plates), shot put (with cotton balls), bowling, get the bean bag in the bucket, paper plane making and throwing. In the end we were all winners! Scout Alex organised and completed his Blue Level hike at Eungella with members of his Patrol.

We had a movie night and watched the new Jungle Book and shared food together. Although some bits of the movie were a little scary for the younger children, there was 100 minutes of silence whilst the Youth Members were riveted on the movie screen.

We made our Dad's cards and craft for Father's Day. Both Raksha and Smokey,



independently, came up with the same craft for their sections. There were lots of Dad's who "rocked".

In the second last week of term the Scouts headed over to join in with Banksia Scouts for the night and the Cub Scouts stayed at Marian and learnt about Boomerangs, How the Kangaroo got it's Pouch and they made newspaper towers. Sue Jensen Rikki



MACKAY CITY CENTRAL GROUP—SARINA SCOUT GROUP

A 20 km bike hike was enjoyed by 11 enthusiastic Cub Scouts and their leaders and two scout helpers from Mackay City Central Scout Group on the weekend of 13 – 14 August 2016.

They met at their scout den on the corner of Lagoon and Hume Street on Saturday afternoon for a sleep over at the den. Firstly they were instructed on bicycle related safety activities. This was followed by a 3km practice ride around the Botanical Gardens. The Cub Scouts prepared their own evening meal, and afterwards they enjoyed a short campfire program before retiring to bed.

On Sunday morning the Cub Scouts had another opportunity to practise their culinary skills by cooking their own breakfast. It was then time for the main event to begin. They set off from their den and followed the Bluewater trail to Illuka Park, Binnington Esplanade and return, which is approximately 20 kilometres.

On the return journey they had a nice surprise and their attention was temporarily diverted to watch the aerobatic display.

This activity has now become an annual event for the Mackay City Central Cub Scouts. Besides getting the Cub Scouts to enjoy the outdoors and partake in physical activities, it covers some of the requirements of the Cyclist Achievement Badge and the kilometres travelled count towards accumulative totals for the Hiker Badge.

Cub Scout Leader Mrs Deb Rutherford said "We know we've had a good camp or activity when everyone goes home tired but happy. They are now looking forward to next year's event."

By Cub Scout Leader, Debra Rutherford



Two Joey Scouts from Sarina Scout Group, Jenny Anderson and Stephanie Parchert were recently presented with their Joey Scout Promise Challenge Badge at a special celebration to mark the occasion.

The Promise

Challenge is an individual badge designed for the 7 year old Joey Scout. It is the major Challenge for the Joey Scout Section and has individual elements as well as activities to do with the Mob.

Achieving the Promise Challenge Badge helps older Joey Scouts to obtain a better understanding of the Scout Promise and Law, the history of Scouting, and Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting.

When each component of the Promise Challenge has been completed, it is submitted for approval by the Branch Commissioner for Joey Scouts.

The Joey Scout Promise Challenge Badge has four components. For the Caring and Sharing components Jenny and Stephanie volunteered their own time to care for gardens within the community. The Buddy Mob Challenge they communicated with other Joey Scouts and shared ideas and talked about the fun things they do.

Their Environmental Challenge they were actively involved with learning about the water cycle, recycling, testing air pollution and learning about the native animals in Australia. The Adventure Challenge they went on hikes and they also visited a local display for ANZAC Day.

The final section was to present information to their Joey Scout Mob about the founder of Scouts, Lord Baden Powell.

Achieving so much at a young age shows the determination that both Jenny and Stephanie display. They are active members of the Sarina Scout Group who are striving to complete their badges now that they have linked to the Cub Scout Pack.

By Jodie Parchert



Q-VENTURE - By Venturer Scouts Riley Simpson & Lloyd Anderson

QV had finally arrived, the event awaited by the Queensland Venturers for many months. QV was held in Rockhampton's Seeonee Park. That made for a very long drive for the Mackay gang. Our gang consisted of Lloyd Anderson, Rianne Boyce, Tristan Gardner, Ashley Tomlinson and myself; Riley Simpson. We arrived at QVenture early to help set up the campsite for the event. After a day of driving and working, the sun fell below the horizon, taking with it the warmth that had privileged us throughout the day and leaving us with the biting cold of the night. The necessity of a fire was required to bring our bodies to a natural temperature, so we started a fire in a pit that would become legendary throughout the period of the camp. With the next day dawning, I awoke to the cold night air, 5:00 am to light the fire, and as soon as the fire was lit the campers awoke from their slumber. Throughout the day, more people arrived, but as soon as they arrived, they left for their expedition. The caving expedition was the second last to leave, but leave we did, bussed off to the site where we would explore the depths of the subterranean. My group consisted of two other members from my home unit and an assortment of characters from around Queensland. With these members, we created the caving unit with a code name for each. We bonded as a group, in and out of the caves we explored. Among the caves explored included Commando Cave, Main Cave and Johansson's Cave. In our time, we explored the deep places of the earth located under Mount Etna and within the area of the Capricorn Caves. We enjoyed the serene beauty of the landscape as we trekked to the entrances of the caves, suffered on the Limestone karst from minor scrapes, but all was made better from our constant supply of Chupa Chups lollipops. For a bit of downtime, we also endeavoured to help the environment by making seed balls. They are made by mixing dirt and clay together to form a ball. Inside this ball, a seed is placed. The idea behind the seed ball is so that birds do not eat the seeds, also when there is rainfall the seed balls dissolve, this allows the seed to grow in a nutrient rich soil. Another environmental project was clearing weeds from a planting area. All members enjoyed both jobs. After three days, the



Expedition ended and we said goodbye to our cooks and our cave guides. We were bussed back to Seeonee Park; there we whiled away the day by playing with Zorb Balls, waiting for the evening to come so sleep could be embraced. The next day we participated in the Amazing Race in Rockhampton. This trip took us all over Rocky, some of the highlights were the Heritage Village and the Macca stop. We returned to Seeonee at 2:30 pm and were greeted by an amazing game of

Laser Tag, almost all the members of the QVenture participated in. The next day was a day expedition. And for obvious reasons, I chose the Caving and Go – Karting option. This day was filled with high speed drifting and getting up close and personal with a cave. This was the last day of the QVenture and was ended with a disco. The night was long and the air was cold, but finally, I laid my head to rest, hearing the furious thumping of the final song of the night. Our home gang spent one more night in Rockhampton, spending the night at Sizzlers, laughing the night away. The next day we made our way home, with an equally long trip home. To all those who did not attend this camp, I strongly recommend it to Venturers in Queensland, it was a valuable experience and I would definitely do it again.

By Riley Simpson

For me, when presented with the expedition choices, I had to go with caving. \$100 for 4 full on days of caving was a bargain and the amount of fun I had with the experience was amazing. My expedition leader, Bat, took us down into some of the coolest caves. We even got to sleep in one! It was also a challenge, not a tourism expedition. Some of the narrow squeezes made me realise how big my butt is and some of the caves were really hard to find, even with an X-ray map! From Lower-Johansson's to Limestone Cast to Commando cave, the expedition was an experience that I will never forget. Afterwards, we also got to do some Landcare work in the nearby area, and oh my gosh we had awesome toilets and a shower.

By Lloyd Anderson