



## Abseiling—Scoutfest

### DATES TO REMEMBER

21-22 October JOJA-JOTI

24-26 Nov CCV at Kinchant  
Outdoor Education Centre



## Train at Scoutfest

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# Central Coast Region Newsletter

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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 644 comprising of 68 Joey Scouts, 252 Cub Scouts, 235 Scouts, 69 Venturer Scouts and 20 Rover Scouts. This count is up 9.2% since 01 April 2017. The overall target for this year is 604 Youth members (each group to grow by at least 1 youth member).*

*At present, we have a total of 201 Adult Members comprising of 10 Region Leaders, 106 group/section Leaders, 55 Support Members (Adult Members & Adult Helpers), and 30 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 Luke Sondergeld) 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.*

### Training

*We have an Archery Level 1 Training course running at the Rowallan Park at the beginning of November.*

*If you have any training issues, please feel free contact me to discuss it further.*

*Yours in Scouting*

*Kingfisher*

*Dougal McWhinney  
Region Commissioner*

*(Central Coast Region)*

## Visitors at Scoutfest



## SCOUTFEST 2017—NORTHERN ZONE



*Scoutfest 2017 was a huge success with perfect weather and a sea of smiling faces. 236 scouting members and volunteers along with 335 non-members visited for the open day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Rowallan Park for a fun day of activities. Most of the scouting members camped for the weekend and enjoyed the activities on Sunday as well.*

*Mr Tim Gibbins the Queensland Branch Commissioner for Cub Scouts and Mr Christopher Foreman Qld Branch Commissioner for Scouts attended the Scoutfest activities along with the Central Coast Region Commissioner Mr Dougal McWhinney.*

*Ms Katrina Hoare, Group Leader of Banksia Scout Group organized the events along with her wonderful committee who worked tirelessly to make sure there were plenty of activities for the young people to enjoy. She thanked her committee, the Scout Fellowship members who had the grounds neat and tidy, the Mountain Biking Club for running the bike course, the SES who barbequed and served the sausages for lunch.*



*There were some very popular activities for the youth to enjoy, including, abseiling, the rock wall, rope bridge, low ropes, mountain bikes, go-karts, chariots, damper twists, rope making, Bunnings craft, sensory boxes, heritage display, ballistas, giant games, geocaching, mud course, canoeing and the slippery pole. The horn of the train echoed around the hills as it departed from the parade grounds to various activity bases around the park.*

*On Saturday evening there was a disco which was run by the Rover Scouts, a jumping castle, gladiator ring, and an accelerator slide. Coloured lights were set up on the abseil tower and there was night abseiling for those who wished to take part.*

*Ms Katrina Hoare said that the feedback she received from the public as well as scouting members and families was overwhelmingly positive. The whole weekend was an amazing experience. Seeing the joy and excitement on faces of the participants was the highlight for her. She is looking forward to planning the 2019 Scoutfest activity.*





# Scoutfest

## What did you like best about Scoutfest?



*Banksia Joey Scout Jordan enjoyed the Rock Climbing.*



*Sarina Cub Scout Brodie enjoyed the Mud Run.*



*Banksia Scout Angus has the best time of his life Abseiling.*



*Banksia Venturer Scout Matthew said he enjoyed seeing the smile on the children's faces when they accomplished activities.*



*Mackay Rover Scout Lisa said it was great to see the number of public attending.*



*Exchange Student David liked the Rope Making as it was practical and useful.*



*Rafts*



*Rope Making*

# BANKSIA SCOUT GROUP

## QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD REECE JOCUMSEN



*Mackay Venturer Scout Reece Jocumsen was presented with the Queen's Scout Award (QSA) at a Special Ceremony at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. Dedication, determination and diversity sums up his achievements to earn this prestigious award, the highest award in the Venturer Scout Section.*

*Reece chose Cattle Handling as one of his activities where he learned the recognised procedure and how a good handler can improve the chances of winning awards at shows. On the fitness side of things he participated in Zumba for several months along with the Venturer Scout Unit they conquered Nutbush Extreme to improve overall fitness. In achieving the QSA Reece spent over 360 hours as well a normal weekly meetings and camps. He also held the Chairman's role on the Region Venturer Council and several positions on the Unit Council all while completing Year 11 and 12 at school, playing music in a band and ensemble, holding a part time job and commitment to family and Church.*

## QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD RIANNE BOYCE

*Queen's Scout Award was presented to Banksia Venturer Scout Rianne Boyce at a special ceremony on Saturday 12 August 2017.*



*Rianne has had a productive and rewarding scouting journey so far. She has shown dedication to each section of the scouting movement as she has earned the highest award in each section along the way. She joined as a Joey Scout at Capalaba, near Brisbane and earned the Joey Scout Promise Badge, she moved to Mackay and transferred to Banksia Scout Group and gained the Grey Wolf Award in Cub Scouts, the Australian Scout Medallion in Scouts and now the Queen's Scout Award in the Venturer Scout Section.*

*Rianne described herself as someone who likes to do things a little differently. She was a very worthy recipient of the Queen's Scout Award and challenged herself to many new skills to achieve her ultimate goal. Some of the things she participated in were Circus, Zumba, an Open Water Dive Course, did service at Driver Reviver, and Humming Bird House sausage sizzles, took part in a play, became proficient at Kayaking, earned a First Aid Certificate, and took part in a Leadership Course and became Unit Chairman.*

*Rover Scout Alex Cinelli presented Rianne with her Queen's Scout Badge and said that she has the potential to go far in whatever she chooses to do.*



## Banksia Scout Group—Continued



### **JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE – QUEENSLAND JOEY SCOUT COMMISSIONER MEDAL**

*Banksia Joey Scout Imogen Galley was recently awarded the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. The project she undertook was above and beyond what she was expected to achieve so she was also awarded the Queensland Joey Scout Commissioner Medal.*

*Imogen joined Banksia Joey Scouts in 2016 and accepted the challenge of completing her Promise Challenge. With the help of her parents, she successfully completed and presented her Promise Challenge to her mob. Imogen is a remarkable, caring young lady that upholds the Joey Scout Theme – H.O.P (Help other people). This was evident in her project she undertook as a part of her Promise Challenge. Imogen's Promise Challenge idea came about as family friends were going on a holiday to South Africa and they discussed how the children there do not have proper footballs. Imogen discussed the situation with her parents, and together they decided to make hand-made items that they would sell at a local market. Some of the items made included tie-dyed clothing, rainbow crayons, bookmarks and aloe vera plants in paper ready to plant. Imogen used money raised from selling all these items to purchase clothing, books, footballs, pumps and pens and asked their friends to deliver it to the children in South Africa.*

*For this fantastic challenge, the Queensland Joey Scout Commissioner, David Cruse awarded Imogen not only with her Promise Challenge Badge, but also with a Queensland*

*Joey Scout Commissioner Medal, the 16th Joey only in Queensland and the first Joey for our region to receive this award.*

*Banksia Scout Group and Central Coast Region Scouting members congratulate Imogen on her awards, and they are very proud of her achievements.*

### **GREY WOLF AWARD—TIMOTHY ATHERSTONE**

*Banksia Cub Scout, Timothy Atherstone had the honour of having the Queensland Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts, Mr Tim Gibbins present him with the Grey Wolf Award (GWA) when he was in Mackay for the Scoutfest Camp and Open Day at Rowallan Park.*

*When completing the requirements of the GWA Timothy earned a number of achievement badges of his choice, art and design, masks and sculpture, animals and birds, flight, collectors and travellers badge. He also achieved a Landcare badge. He attended a Cub Scout Leadership activity and achieved the follow up activity to earn the Cub Scout Leadership Badge.*

*Timothy's highlights of Scouting so far is the camping trips and the Grey Wolf Day hike which he planned and completed on the Blue Water Trial early this year.*

*Timothy's scouting journey started as a Joey Scout in 2013 in Blackwater then transferring to Yeppoon. He advanced to Cub Scouts in Yeppoon in 2014 and then transferred to Banksia Cub Scouts in 2016. Since Timothy has joined Banksia Cub Scouts he has been a sixer in the Tawny six and has now linked up to Scouts to continue on his Scouting journey.*



# PIONEER VALLEY SCOUT GROUP—GRACEMERE SCOUT GROUP

*The PVSG started term 3 with a hike and some camp cooking at the back of Marian. Everyone did well hiking just over 5 kilometres to get to our destination and then enjoyed some sausage and vegetable parcels cooked by the Scouts on the coals from the fire that they made. The Cub Scouts did some fire lighting and compass work. A great day was had by all.*

*Four new members were invested at the end of July. One Cub Scout, Seth Lunt and three Scouts, Oliver Jackson, Chris Lunt and Harry Shaw Jones. Most of the PVSG attended Scout Fest, with some of our Scouts group camping with Banksia Scout Group. Another wonderful outing for all. Thank you to Banksia Scout Group for allowing us to camp with you.*

*For the rest of term we've been doing some mapping, construction, first aid and emergency work.*

*We are looking forward to more fun in Term 4.*

**Sue Jensen, Group Leader**



*Gracemere Scouts recently held a "Super Tremendous Fantastic Open Day" at the Den in Gracemere Activities include Rock climbing wall, Camp fire, Damper making and a sausage sizzle. The Group celebrated the amazing achievement of one of their Cub Scouts, Emma Daley who received her Grey Wolf Award. This is the highest achievement for a Cub Scout. There have only been 2 other Cub Scouts at Gracemere that have achieved this award. Emma was presented the award by her leader Darren Leyden. Group leader Scott Neill said he was looking forward to Emma's progression to the older Scout section where her goal is to progress towards a Australian Scout Medallion. Councillor Ellen Smith attended the function along with leaders from other Scout Groups in the region. The Group also acknowledged the work of two of their dedicated leaders Darren Leyden and Brogan-Li Berry, who have tirelessly given their time to Gracemere Scout Group for 5 years.*

**Scott Neill, Group Leader Gracemere Scout Group**





# Warripari Scout Group—Adult Service Awards



Kaylah Pattel was awarded the Australian Scout Medallion at an afternoon tea presentation organised by herself at the Warripari Scout Group Den on Saturday 2nd September.

Helping her celebrate where family, friends, fellow scouts and leaders who came from as far as Brisbane, Calliope and surrounding

areas.

The Australian Scout Medallion is the highest award in the Scout Section. It is considered the pinnacle of Scouting at this age

After completing the Grey Wolf Award in Cub Scouts, Kaylah then linked to Scouts in March 2012. This marked the beginning of her journey towards her ASM. What followed were many more achievements and adventures along the way including,

JOTA/JOTI, Capricorn Totem, Regional Camps, hikes, Leadership and First Aid Courses, helping out at Cub Scouts, region camps, PL and also APL on AJ2016.

To achieve her Australian Scout Medallion, Kaylah

completed the following badges:

- Scoutcraft
- Campcraft (Pioneer, Explorer, Adventurer)
- Citizenship (Pioneer, Explorer, Adventurer)
- Patrol Activities (Pioneer, Explorer, Adventurer)
- Cord (Pioneer, Explorer, Adventurer)
- Construction (Pioneer, Explorer)
- Proficiency Badges ( Musician, Art, Fire Awareness, Collector, Crime Prevention, World Scouting)
- Scout Leadership Course
- Leadership activity

Kaylah has since linked to the Venturer Scout Unit and is now striving to achieve her Queen Scout Medallion.

Congratulations and well done Kaylah.

## Hunter and Sandi Brown

Unfortunately I didn't receive a write up on Hunter's achievement.



## Region Leaders– Northern Zone



L to R: Brendan Ross 5 years service badge, Mrs Julieanne Gilbert Patron of Scouting, RC Dougal McWhinney, Mary Wallace 35 year service badge, Mayor of Mackay Mr Greg Williamson and Jason Hazell 5 year service badge.

One person in this photo, eventhough his certificate is for 5 years service, has done many more years service as a youth member. I believe there would be many more dedicated persons out there that are in a similar situation.

## Mackay City Central Leaders



Debbie Rutherford 15 years service, Allan Salty 20 years service and Sandra Wright 25 years service. Sandra was a leader in the Girl Guide movement prior to joining scouting.

Congratulations to these leaders in particular for their dedicated service, plus each and every scouting leader and scouting volunteer, your service is of great value to the youth and the whole community.

# Kareeba Scout Group—Ikki's Wood Badge Project—By Ian Coupe

*For my Wood Badge Project I decided to teach the Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts to make paracord Survival Bracelets.*

*I researched and learnt how to make a Cobra Knot. I then searched E-Bay and found buckles, which also have a compass, flint, scraper and whistle. I then directed our Joey Scouts and our Cub Scouts into their Sixes and some of our Scouts and taught them the Cobra knot.*

*I got our Cub Scout Sixers and Seconds to teach their pack a unique whistle for their pack. The idea is when bush-walking or hiking, if a cub scout got lost or went missing we could identify which pack the cub scout was from by the unique whistle. Also randomly blowing the whistle it would be an effective way of hearing where the Cub Scout is.*

*The Cub Scouts returned to me after creating their unique pack whistle and explained why they chose their whistle, ie : 2 short whistles, 2 long and 1 short whistle and 3 short whistles were chosen.*

*We also had an in-depth conversation of the advantages of the paracord, which included:*

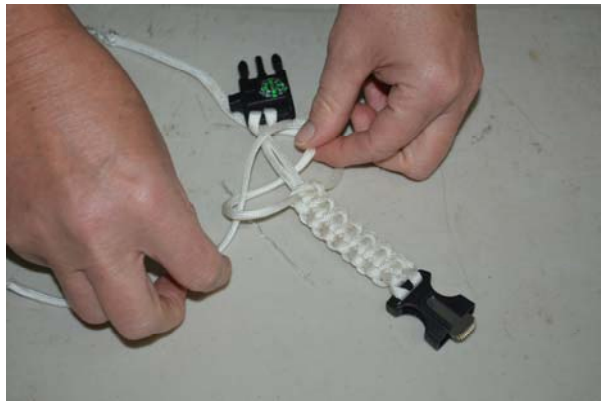
1. *It is easily undone if needed for rope for making a shelter*
2. *Could make a clothesline if clothes got wet*
3. *Use it for shoe or boot laces*
4. *Tying gear together*

*Discussion regarding the flint :*

1. *Starting a fire*
2. *Fire safety*

*Discussion regarding the compass:*

1. *Main points of the compass - North, South, East, West*
2. *Using the degrees*
3. *Short navigation game*



*For each Six the bracelets were made in the same colour as their Six. I was only going to teach the Cub Scouts, but decided to broaden the project to include Joey Scouts and Scouts.*

*What I got out of this project was :*

1. *Learning a new knot*
2. *Teaching a new skill to Cub Scouts, Joey Scouts & Scouts*
3. *Teaching the values of using a compass*
4. *Starting a fire / fire safety*
5. *Working with the Cub Scouts to develop their own unique whistle*





# VENTURER SCOUTS—By Riley Simpson

## Capture the Flag

The Region Venturer Scout “Capture the Flag” was held on the 19th and 20th August with Teams of up to 6 Venturer Scouts from Rockhampton, Mackay and Yeppoon; 24 hours of free reign and Seeonee Park as the battle ground. This event is an annually Region Venturer Scout event and was enjoyed immensely by all Scouting youth and adult members present. Mackay Venturer Scouts boarded a bus and travelled to Rockhampton on the evening of the 18th August. 10.30am on Saturday the game started, and all teams vanished into the countryside, some bunkering down in trenches and others scouting the land for advantageous ground. The game passed through the day with some minimal action as the heat of the day sapped everyone's energy. As the sun set and darkness spread across the land, energy began to climb, and results of team confrontations began to show. Some teams, however, had used their energy throughout the day, and were caught napping, particularly two people, who in the cold of the night had crept into the brown hut where they slept. During this time, my team ‘ABBS’ crept into the hut, looking for enemies and found the two people sleeping. I myself grabbed the boy on the bench, clamping my hand around his arm and shook him awake. He awoke drowsily and released his tags. We then led them back to the prison and managed to steal the Rover Flag as well. With the night ending, action ceased fully and teams retreated to their base camps. At 10.00am Sunday morning, the game ended and the winners were announced. Bragging rights this year went to the group known as ‘Aussie Bogan Banter Spirit’ or “ABBS” for short. With the game finished, the Mackay Venturer Scouts departed the park, but instead of the lively banter from the bus trip down, the bus was instead filled with dozing teenagers. That ended the yearly game of ‘Capture the Flag’ with the Mackay Venturer Scouts looking forward to next year's game.

## Blackdown Tableland Expedition

It was the 15th September, the end of school's third term for the year, and to celebrate our survival from QCS and school assignments, four Venturer Scouts embarked on a five day journey to the town of Blackwater and surrounding areas. The intrepid group of travellers left Mackay at 4:30 pm and took the inland route to Blackwater. Before we reached our destination, we stopped at Dingo where we all had a meal and

we reached our destination near midnight. Everyone was ready for bed. Once the sun rose the next day, more driving was to be had as we then drove to Blackdown Tableland where we commenced the hiking component of the expedition, undertaking a 20km walk on the first day and a 19 km walk on the second day. Both hikes were educational and beautiful as we walked through the national park seeing the abundance of fauna and flora that was present. On the third day of the trip, we spent our time exploring the town of Blackwater, visiting the Coal Museum and the Train Exhibit. On our final expedition day, our intrepid group went to Sapphire where we endeavoured to find shiny rocks. Many sapphires were found, however, all were of low quality. While we were in town, we visited the local sapphire jewellers where we learned about the history and art of sapphires. We then left Sapphire and returned to Blackwater for our final night there. However, instead of an ordinary meal, to commemorate our visit to Blackwater, we made our way to the ‘Capricorn Hotel Prawn and Horn Bistro’ where we all had a great country meal. After our final night, we packed our things on Wednesday the 20th and returned home. This was an amazing trip and served as a great educational and memorable holiday for all those involved.



## TIMBERFEST 2017—LEADER PROFILES



*Last month, Rowallan Park hosted Mackay's newest Music, Art and Lifestyle Festival. TimberFest 2017 was a huge success, with over 1000 attendees travelling from all across regional Queensland. The world class, live music on display, left the audience awestruck; drawing wide spread appreciation for Mackay's local talent.*

*"Feedback on the event has been exceptional. We have had several local businesses and companies approach us asking to be involved in TimberFest 2018"*

*James Rogers, Director.*

*The TimberFest team are humbled by the opportunity to donate to Scouts Australia for hosting this new event.*

*It has been a pleasure working in conjunction with Scouts Australia and the Rowallan Park Fellowship. The TimberFest team are greatly looking forward to TimberFest 2018.*



*At the Annual Region Management Meeting at Rowallan Park in August, I (Mary Wallace) the Editor of the Region Newsletter asked what people wanted in the newsletter. It was suggested that seeing we are a much wider Region now that we profile leaders. In this edition are some of the Region Team members.*

### **Region Commissioner** **Dougal McWhinney**



*Signed up as a Scout Leader with Mount Archer Scout Group around the beginning of Nov 2004. In January 2005 I moved to Gladstone for work and transferred to Kareeba Scout Troop as Assistant Scout Leader. In August 2005, I became the Scout Leader at Kareeba Scout Troop and remained there until Oct 2008 when I moved to Mackay for work.*

*As my new job was not going to allow time for weekly commitment to youth program I transferred to Central Coastal Region as Region Leader (IT).*

*In June 2011 I accepted the role of Assistant Region Commissioner for Central Coastal Region in preparation for possibly becoming Region Commissioner. In August 2012 I accepted the role of Region Commissioner for Central Coastal Region.*

*The role of Region Commissioner has been challenging at times but very rewarding to see youth members progress through sections and the region grow.*



## LEADER PROFILES

Nikki McWhinney,  
ARC Group Support (Northern Zone)



*No profile details were submitted.*

Jason Hazell, ARC Campsites—Northern Zone



Dwayne Kersey  
ARC Group Support, (Central Zone)

*I started my Scout life as a Cub at 1st Mackay before progressing to Scouts at 1st Mackay. When the family moved to Townsville I joined Kirwan Scout Group where I continued through Scouts, Venturer Scouts and into Rovers Scouts. As a Rover I moved groups at different times including Gatton Rover Crew and Drayton Rovers (Toowoomba) before finally returning to Townsville and Florence Bay Rover Crew. As a Scout I*

*attended a number of large Regional Camps such as Coral Coast Safari (up at camp Barrabadeen) where I got enthused in Caving. I also attended the 1989 Australian Scout Jamboree at Woodhouse in SA and 1991 World Jamboree in Korea, both of which were amazing and life changing events. After Rovers I maintained my association with Scouts through the Scout Four Wheel Drive Fellowship and was also a Scout Leader at Boyne/Tannum for a number of years. After my Scout Leader role, I became the Branch Advisor for Four Wheel Driving and Caving in Brisbane before returning to Yeppoon with my family. Where I continued my support of Scouts through running caving activities and taking up the role of ARC – Group Support where I support each of the groups in the Central Area of Central Coast Region. Currently I am also ARC – Group Support for South, Leader In Charge for Mt Archer until these roles can be filled.*

Steven Kydd, ARC Campsites, Southern Zone

*No profile details were submitted.*

Mary Wallace, Region Leader  
Community Relations.



*April 1982 -1986  
Secretary Calen Scout Group  
1986 -1998 Calen Cub Scout Leader  
As with small groups helped out with the Scout section and was LIC of Calen Group at one time.*

*1998 – 2001 Mackay District Cub Scout Leader however did a dual role for a couple of years before.  
2001 to 2007 Mackay District Leader Community Relations.  
2007 to present time Region Leader Community Relations and Newsletter Editor.  
My highlights in scouting have been helping on Training Courses, and attending AJ2013 Maryborough Qld.*

*Over the years I have seen the Region go from a large Region down to a small Region and now back to a big region again.*

# 2017 Central Coast Water Venture

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre  
Nth Eton  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> to Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

Camp Fee's \$ 110.00

Camp fee includes: Site Fees

: All Saturday meals  
: Sunday breakfast, morning tea  
and lunch



: All Activities  
: Canoeing  
: Tubing  
: Skiing  
: Swimming  
: Challenges  
: Knee Boarding  
: Activities  
: FUN

Venturers Why not bring your older scouts 13 or older it's a great try Venturing activity.

## Are you up to the Challenge?

Applications available from Group Leaders.



### GET WELL DENNIS TUCKERMAN

*I am sure many scouting members throughout Central Coast Region know Dennis Tuckerman and his wife Heather from attending Scout Jamborees.*

*Dennis has been in hospital for four months now, in Townsville, being treated for Leukemia. I spoke to him on Saturday. He is still staying positive even though he needs at least another month of treatment in Townsville.*

*Monhawee, GET WELL SOON!*