

The Scout Association of Australia
Queensland Branch Inc.

Annual Report

2009/10



Creating a better Queensland for over 100 years



Our Aim

The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as Member of their local, national and international communities.

Our Principles

The Principles of Scouting as identified by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts should serve God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families and the communities in which they live.

The Scout Promise

On my honour

I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to my God and

To the Queen of Australia

To help other people, and

To live by the Scout Law

On my honour

I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to my God and

To Australia

To help other people, and

To live by the Scout Law

The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy

A Scout is loyal

A Scout is helpful

A Scout is friendly

A Scout is cheerful

A Scout is considerate

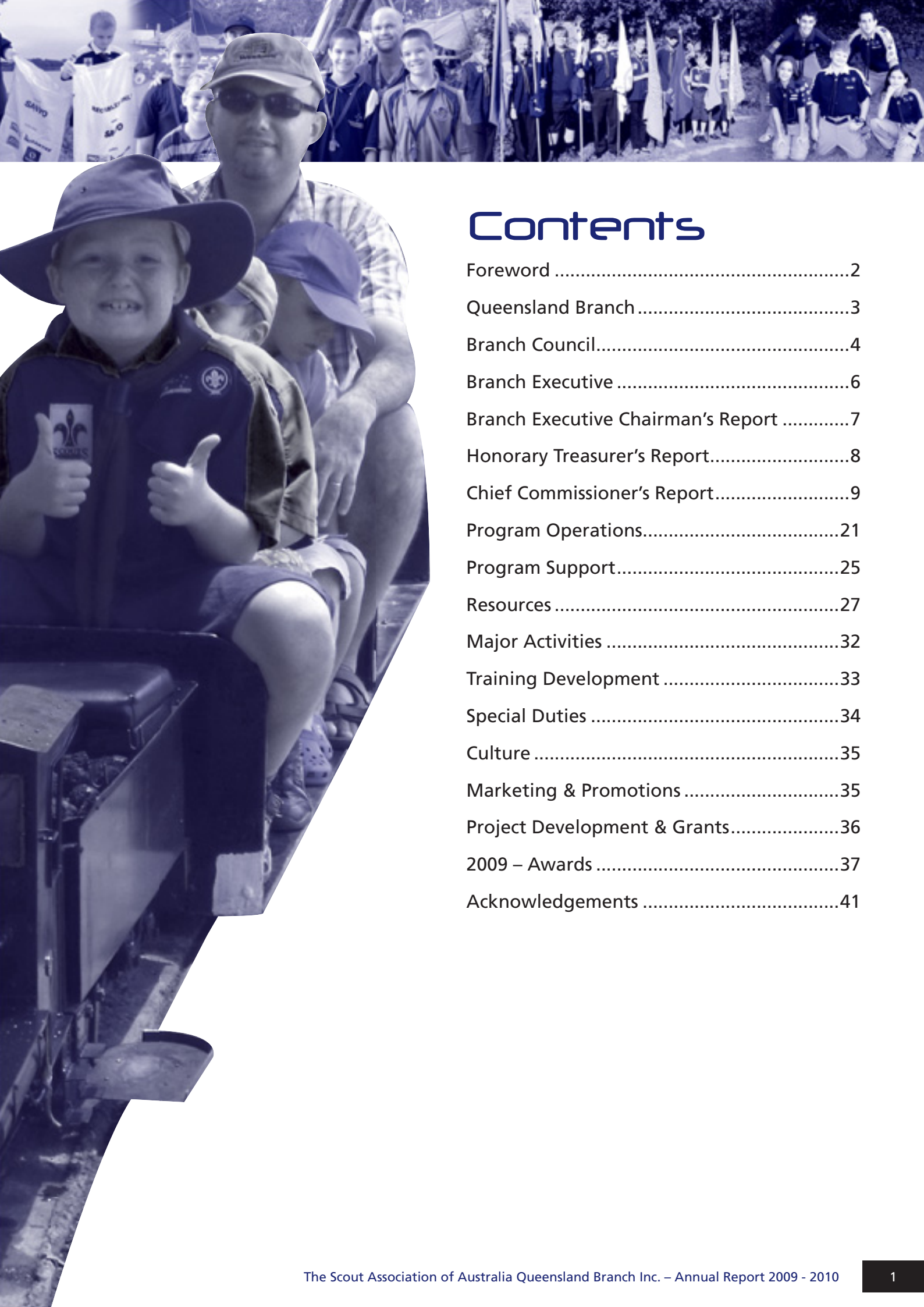
A Scout is thrifty

A Scout is courageous

A Scout is respectful

A Scout cares for the environment.





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Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland
Ms Penelope Wensley AO
Chief Scout of Queensland

Foreword

I look forward each year to the Annual Report of Scouts Queensland, as an opportunity to review what has been achieved by Scouting in our State over the past twelve months. Although the lively 'Encompass' newsletters keep us all well-informed about key events and activities during the year, when we step back and look at the whole period, it is always surprising to see just how much has been packed into the year. And it is a wonderful reminder of what a vital and active organization Scouts Queensland is, with its reach and influence felt in virtually every corner of the State and in every community.

As Chief Scout of Queensland, I am immensely proud of the role the organisation plays, offering so many opportunities to our children and young people, helping them to grow and develop as individuals and preparing them to become responsible and caring members of society. And I am gratified to see that despite many competing influences and attractions, Scouts Queensland continues to enjoy very strong support, involving more than 10,000 members, ranging from 6 to 26, some 3,500 adults working with the organization and the parents and families of our Scouts, who, of course, are part of the wider 'Scouts Family'.

There are many reasons for this strong support. The ethos of Scouting and the values it promotes are no doubt important factors, especially for parents considering how to channel and develop their children's energies and interests, but so, too, is the emphasis on friendship, fun and adventure. Being a Scout, above all, should be fun and full of exciting possibilities- and the merest glance at the range of activities undertaken and on offer over the past year confirms this has certainly been the case here in Queensland. Our Scouts have had an extraordinary choice of activities beyond the regular meetings and patrols and working for badges

and awards; there has been an absolute feast of camps, expos, special projects, training weekends, open days, displays, hikes, balls, discos, games nights, air activities....and, of course, jamborees.

This year Jamborees have had a special place on many agendas, with the Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI) adding extra spice to the mix, offering the excitement of communicating with around 500,000 Scouts and Guides from around the world; And we are all delighted, I am sure, with the announcement that the 2013 Australian Scout Jamboree will be held in Maryborough. It is a very welcome decision and I know Queensland and Scouts Queensland will be very proud hosts to this major event.

I extend my good wishes and congratulations to Chief Commissioner Maurice Law and to all members and supporters of Scouts Queensland on a very successful year and wish everyone 'Good Scouting' in the year ahead.

Message from Her Excellency
Ms Penelope Wensley AO
Governor of Queensland



Queensland Branch

Branch Chief Scout

Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO

Chief Commissioner

Mr Maurice J Law AM

Deputy Chief Commissioners

Mr Des Allen	Resources
Mrs Kirsty Brown OAM	Development
Ms Jean Clifford	Training Development
Fr Iain Furby	Special Duties
Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp	Major Activities (Dec 09 – Mar 10)

Region Commissioners

Mr Ian McPhee	Brisbane South Region
Mr Daryl Scott	Brisbane North Region
Mr Stephen Kydd	Capricorn Region
Mr Lance Hodda	Central & Coastal Region
Mr John Finn	Central Western Region
Mr Barry Keleher (Acting)	Darling Downs Region
Mr Michael Plunkett	Far North Region
Mr Mark Cane	Gold Coast Region
Mr Robert Campbell	Gold Coast Region
Mr Ernie Bunt	Kennedy Region
Mr Paul Oliver	Logan and Bay Region
Mr Ken Millers	Moreton Region
Mrs Irma Howell	Near North Coast and Country Region
Mrs Jenny Staddon OAM	North Western Region
Mr Dennis Brockman (Acting)	Suncoast Region
Mr Albert Shelley	Western Region
Mrs Carole Howlett	Wide Bay-Burnett Region

Assistant Chief Commissioners

Mr Bryan Brown	Community Development
Mr Dennis Brockman	Development
Mr Russell Davie	Program Support (Mar 09 – Jan 10)

Branch Commissioners

Ms Michele Johnson	Joey Scouts
Mrs Robyn Devine	Cub Scouts
Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp	Scouts (Mar 09 – Dec 10)
Mr Steve Marshall	Scouts
Mr Phil McNicol	Venturer Scouts
Mr Gavin Brady	Rovers
Mr Ian McLeary	Air Activities
Ms Judy Seymour	Environmental Education
Dr Paul Rollason	International
Mr Russell Davie	Specialist Outdoor Activities (Jan 10 – Mar 10)
Mrs Kerry TW Gorman	Youth Activities

Honorary Commissioners

Mr Toby Brown
Mr Jack Edwards
Mr Lars Eriksson
Dr Richard Franklin
Mr Rob Pearce
Major General John Pearn AO RFD MD
Mr Brad Richards
Mr Fred Scott OAM
Mr Ryan Sodziak

Project Commissioners

Mr Joe Barrett
Mr Cliff Farmer OAM
Mr Peter Goleby
Mr Allan Newland
Mr Paul Parkinson
Mr Ian Waters

State Executive Officer

Mr Maurice J Law AM

Assistant State Executive Officer

Mr Ryan Sodziak



Branch Council

Chief Commissioner
Mr Maurice J Law AM

President
Mr Manfred Cross AM

Chairman Branch Executive
The Honourable Glen Williams AO

Honorary Treasurer
Mr Myles Stanley

Vice-Presidents
The Honourable Glen Williams AO
Major General John Pearn AO RFD MD
Mr Cliff Farmer OAM

Representatives

Deputy Chief Commissioners
Assistant Chief Commissioners
Region Commissioners
Branch Commissioners
Project Commissioners
Honorary Commissioners
Rover Philip Verner

Mr John Laverty

Mrs Elwyn McKee

Queensland Branch Rover
Executive
Baden-Powell Guild
Representative
Representative of the Bob
Monteith Memorial Fund

Region Representatives

Mr Fred Scott OAM	Brisbane North Region
Mrs Carmel Priest	Brisbane South Region
Mr Des Phillips	Capricorn Region
Ms Margaret Barber	Central & Coastal Region
Mr John Laundon	Central Western Region
Mr Kerry Harrison	Darling Downs Region
Cr Peter Guivarra	Far North Region
Mr David Day	Gold Coast Region
Ms Leonie Hegvold	Kennedy Region
Ms Jennifer Evans	Logan & Bay Region
Mr Peter Robinson	Moreton Region
Mr Ray Steward	Near North Coast & Country Region
Mr Ray Jones	North Western Region
Mr Aaron Bell	Suncoast Region
Ms Karen Andrews	Western Region
Mr Matthew Hutchinson	Wide Bay-Burnett Region



Life Members

Mr Cliff Farmer OAM

Mr Alan Sherlock OBE

Mr Owen (Kel) Griffiths OBE

Mrs Anne Stone OAM (Called to Higher Service 2010)

Mr Maurice Law AM

Mr Robert Waldie

Mr Evan Newton OAM

Mr Ian Clarke

Mrs Elwyn McKee

Mrs Nina Higgins

Mr Guy Hamlyn-Harris

Mr Manfred Cross AM

The Honourable Glen Williams AO

Mr Douglas Morton

Mr James Priest AM

Mr Geoffrey White

Mr David Whitman

Elected Members

Mr Emmanuel Anthony PSM

Commissioner Bob Atkinson APM

Mrs Julie Attwood MP

Mr Nigel Baden-Clay

The Most Reverend Archbishop
Bathersby DD

Mr Allan Bartlett

Mr Peter Blatch OAM

Mr Bert Boock

Mr Gavin Brady

Mr Darryl Briskey MP

Ms Frances Brodie

Mr Robert Bryan

Mr Don Cameron AM

Right Rev Bishop Adrian Charles AM

Mr Pat Comben

Mrs Pat Dryden OAM

Mr Ken Durham

Brigadier Rod Earle

Mr Jack Edwards

Dr Gerald Fitzgerald

Mrs Elizabeth Gilchrist AM

Councillor Maureen Hayes

Mr Terry Holmes

Mr John Hozier

Mr William Job AM

Commissioner Lee Johnson

Mrs Margaret Johnson

Dr Robert Johnson

The Honourable David Jull MP

Rev Ian Mavor

Mr Ross McKinnon AM

Mr Phil McNicol

Mr Raymond Miles

Mr Wayne Milner

Ms Dianne Morgan

Mr Bob Quinn

Mr Craig Ray

Mrs Audrey Roache

Mr John Richards

Mr David Roberts

Ms Cassie Robbins

Mr Ken Schroder

Mr Lawrence Springborg MP

Mr Raymond Steward

Mr Royce Voss OAM

Mr Richard Wharton

Mr Geoff White

Mr David Whitman

Mr Ian Wilson

Mr Bernard Yorke

Guides Queensland Representative

Mrs Sue Van Eyk

State Commissioner

National Commissioners

Mr Paul Parkinson

National Commissioner Adult
Training and Development



Branch Executive

Chairman

The Honourable Glen Williams AO

President - Branch Council

Mr Manfred Cross AM

Vice Presidents - Branch Council

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Mr Cliff Farmer OAM

Chief Commissioner

Mr Maurice J Law AM

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Myles Stanley

Elected Members

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Mr Gavin Brady

Ms Frances Brodie

Mr John Hozier

Mr Phil McNicol

Mr Craig Ray

Mr Bradley Richards

Mr Ian Waters

Mr David Roberts

Chief Commissioner's Representatives

Mrs Kirsty Brown OAM

Fr Iain Furby

Mr Des Allen

Ms Jean Clifford

Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp

Mr Dennis Brockman

Mr Bryan Brown

Mr Russell Davie

Dr Paul Rollason

Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp

Mr Allan Newland

Mr Paul Oliver

Mr Ken Millers

Mr Ian McPhee

Deputy Chief Commissioner

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(Dec 09 – Mar 10)

Assistant Chief Commissioner

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Branch Commissioner

Branch Commissioner
(Mar 09 – Dec 09)

Project Commissioner

Region Commissioner

Region Commissioner

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Ex-Officio Members

Rover Philip Verner

Mr John Laverty

Queensland Branch Rover
Executive Representative

Baden-Powell Guild
Representative

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Branch Executive Chairman's Report

The most significant administrative event since the last Annual General Meeting has been the adoption of a new Constitution for the Branch. That Constitution was passed at a Special General Meeting held on 8 April 2010. In consequence there are a number of important ways in which the affairs of the Branch will be conducted.

The Branch will be governed by a Council whose powers shall be exercised at a general meeting. A wide representation of members of the Movement will be eligible to move motions and vote at a general meeting.

A General Meeting will elect a twelve member executive, including the Chief Commissioner. A President will be chairman of the Executive and also preside at general meetings. There will be no separate chairman of executive as was the position under the former Constitution. Election of members of the Executive will ensure that necessary expertise is represented and there will also be at least two members under the age of thirty.

The smaller executive will enhance corporate governance. Much of the routine work will be the responsibility of sub-committees presided over by a member of Executive

The role of the Chief Commissioner will be unchanged. The Chief Commissioner is the Chief Executive Scouter and responsible for the uniform activities of the Movement. Election of the Chief Commissioner will be governed by a by-law but it is not envisaged that there will be significant change from the present position.

The only addition to the objects of the Movement is the inclusion of a provision that the Movement encourages

“participation by youth members in outdoor and sporting activities so as to maintain a high level of physical fitness and bodily well being.” That has always been an unstated object of the Movement.

The position of State Executive Officer is abolished and a member of Executive designated Secretary will be responsible for formal administrative matters. The Executive can appoint such staff and with such duties as it determines it to be appropriate from time to time.

There is provision for Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents to assist in performing functions associated with the Movement. There is also provision for the President to invite members of the public to attend General Meetings, but such persons will not be entitled to vote.

The foregoing is a brief summary of important changes brought about by the new Constitution. Members having further interest should seek a copy from Branch Headquarters.

Turning now to other matters, during the year there were significant improvements carried out at Baden Powell Park and Karingal. Steps have been taken to make those campsites better earning assets of the Movement. Camps run during school vacations have been successful and should become a regular event.

Planning for the next Jamboree in Maryborough is advanced and this will be a major issue for the Executive over the next few years. Very special thanks are due to the many members of the old executive who will not be members of the new smaller executive. Attendance has always been good and many worthwhile suggestions and contributions have come from members of the executive who were not uniform members or the Movement.

Their expertise and knowledge of scouting issues will not be lost; they will necessarily form the backbone of membership of sub-committees.

This will be my last report as Chairman and I wish to thank all those persons who have made my task that little bit easier over the years – there are too many to name but that does not detract from the sincerity of my thanks. But special thanks are due to members of the last executive and staff at Branch Headquarters.

Mr. President I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of my Report.

*The Honourable Glen Williams, AO
Branch Executive Chairman,
The Scout Association of Australia
Queensland Branch Inc.*



Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr President, Chief Commissioner, Members of Branch Council and Uniform Members of the Branch, I am pleased to present the finance report of the Queensland Branch for the year ended 31 March 2010. Consistent with normal practice, this finance report does not include the results of the Regions, Districts or individual Formations.

The audited financial statements report a profit (after depreciation and provisions) of \$682,413 for the year ended March 2010, an increase of \$274,831 over last year. The result this year includes a surplus of \$329,881 arising from our participation in the Jamboree held in January this year. A surplus of this amount is expected and provides much needed funds for the Branch. Adjusting for the Jamboree, this years' result is \$55,050 down on the previous year. This can be explained by an increase of \$134,806 in expenditure on repairs and maintenance this year with the majority of it spent on much needed work at our major campsites. Apart from this, costs are pretty much in line with the previous year. Particular attention should be drawn to the lack of any increase in our insurance costs this year and this reflects positively on the movements risk management policies and procedures. Scout Supply continues to improve its trading position providing a major contribution to the Branch and all other areas of operations performed to expectation.

I draw the Members attention to the Total Equity as shown on the balance sheet. This has increased by \$955,365 for the current year. This reflects the recovery in the current value of our share market investments as the market recovers from the Global Financial Crisis and share prices return to normal levels. The write up in the value of our investments for the year was \$272,952 and in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards this non cash gain has been brought to account. As we have done in previous years the change has been brought directly to the unrealised capital profits reserve at 31 March 2010. The policy of the Association has always been to select quality investments and to hold them in the long term. Our investments are about providing an income stream through dividends rather than seeking short term capital growth and dividends earned if the financial year remains strong.

The distributions to reserves from profits amounted to \$500,108 during the year ended 31 March 2010.

Scout Supply

The Scout Supply shop located at Branch Headquarters traded profitably again throughout the year. The Scout Supply Centre is constantly reviewing its operations with the objective of containing costs and improving profitability while continuing to maintain a high level of service to all areas. As usual, in a Jamboree year, demand for uniforms and other scouting lines have been high but the demand was met and this increased activity is reflected in the trading results.

Insurance

The movement insurance requirements continue to be sourced through our current brokers, AON, who have provided this service since 2005. This years' increase was only \$633.

Cash Flow Budget 2010/2011

The 2010/2011 cash flow budget projects a surplus of \$34,101. The budget is conservative and has been well scrutinised and all costs are contained as far as possible. The budget has been adopted by the Branch Executive Committee.

Development Fund

The Branch Development Fund provides an "at call" investment facility for Groups and other Formations, and as at the end of the financial year, \$629,049 was invested and \$1,397,920 was on loan to Formations for approved development projects. I encourage Groups to take advantage of the facility available through the Fund.

Grants

As is our normal practice, I would like to report the value of grants which were received by Scout Groups for the financial year under review.

During the year, Groups have been successful in securing a total of \$785,136 in grants from various Government and Statutory Authorities.

The support we receive from these bodies is greatly appreciated and will enable various projects to be completed.

Our new financial system will allow us to better manage our accounts and produce separate audited financial statements for facilities such as Karingal and BP Park. With these available to us the Branch will be in a position to also apply directly for grants to fund development of these sites.

Mr President and Members of Branch Council, 2010 has been a good year for Branch as we continue to build on the sound financial performance of previous years. Expectations are that this will continue and to that end our plan remains substantially unchanged. We will continue to focus on improvements in operations in support of the Movement in Queensland, to control our costs, and to enhance existing income streams and where possible to develop new ones.

In closing, I would like to thank the Members of the Finance Committee, the office staff and the Uniform Members of the Branch and to encourage them all for another challenging year.

Mr President, I move that my report and the Financial Report as Tabled be accepted.

*Mr Myles Stanley,
Honorary Treasurer,
The Scout Association of
Australia, Queensland Branch Inc.*



Chief Commissioner's Report

The challenge for Scouting in Queensland and indeed Scouting throughout Australia, following the impetus gained from our Centenary years, is to continue to grow the Movement, in our case, within the Queensland Branch.



Our 2020 Plan clearly sets out for us the vision of Scouts Queensland, announces clearly our mission statement and sets for us six core objectives to concentrate on in order to further develop and improve the quality of Scouting we give to our Youth Members and the level of support that we offer to our volunteer Leaders and Supporters.

The direction of Scouting in Queensland as we head towards the year 2020 is clearly stated in the following extract from our 2020 Plan.

2020 Vision - That Scouts Queensland be recognised as the pre-eminent and dynamic Movement for the development of Young People to better society

2020 Mission - To extend to every community the opportunity to provide Scouting using our Aim, Principles, Promise & Law, Educational Methods and Recreational Activities to develop the whole Young Person

*Maurice Law, AM
Chief Commissioner,
The Scout Association of Australia
Queensland Branch Inc.*

Core Objectives



To be a Movement which is sustainable by having adequate and committed volunteer Leaders and supporting Adults



To be a Movement which is sustainable by having adequate and committed financial and material resources



To be a Movement which delivers a dynamic, exciting and vibrant program



To be a Movement which has increasing Membership of young people with optimal retention



To be a Movement which has increasing participation of young adults in management, leadership and support



To be a Movement which is recognised by the whole community as the leading choice for the development of young people



During the year we have worked tirelessly on the core objectives of this program with many of the milestones for the year being met, milestones for future years being adjusted or realigned to meet current needs.

I believe that our reward for the time and effort that has been put into the achievement of the goals within the 2020 Plan is clearly reflected in the following participation graphs.

It is exceptionally pleasing to see that our Youth participation level has once again this year increased which makes the fourth consecutive year that we have seen an increase in this regard.

It is even more pleasing to see that our Leader participation levels have once again increased and is a clear reflection of the tremendous amount of promotion that we have done in an effort to encourage adults to take up

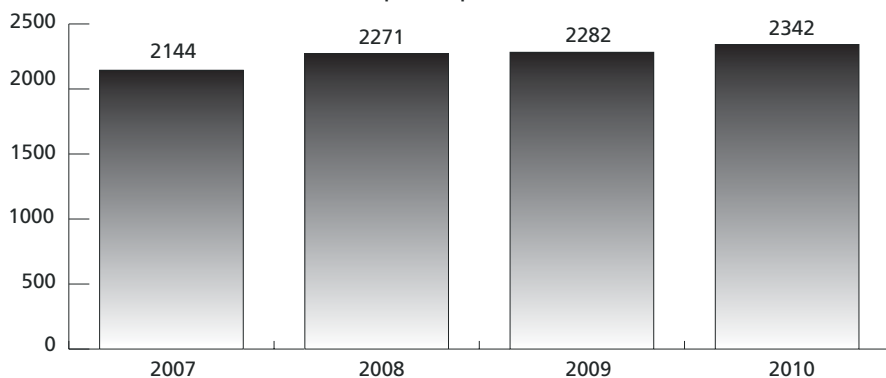
leadership roles within the Movement.

The real challenge now is to continue to grow our membership both from a Youth and Leader point of view so that we can offer the great game of Scouting to more and more young people within the communities we serve.

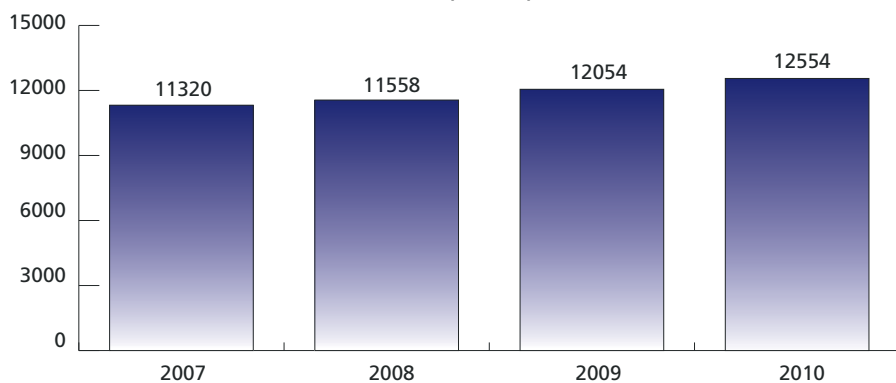
We continue to use the chartering of Scout Groups in an effort to ensure that the delivery of our youth programs is meeting the education outcomes of our Association. We now have a number of Formations who have continued to be chartered year after year with the number of overall Groups within the State who are chartered increasing once again this year. The biggest stumbling block for most Groups to become chartered is the leadership requirements and for this reason during the next 12 months we will continue to promote heavily the benefits for adults to take up leadership appointments within the Movement.

It is of course not possible to mention in this report every single activity that happens in Scouting in Queensland in any given year and the following is but a snippet of the hundreds of activities which take place or are mounted by our volunteer Leaders and adults for the benefit of our Youth Members.

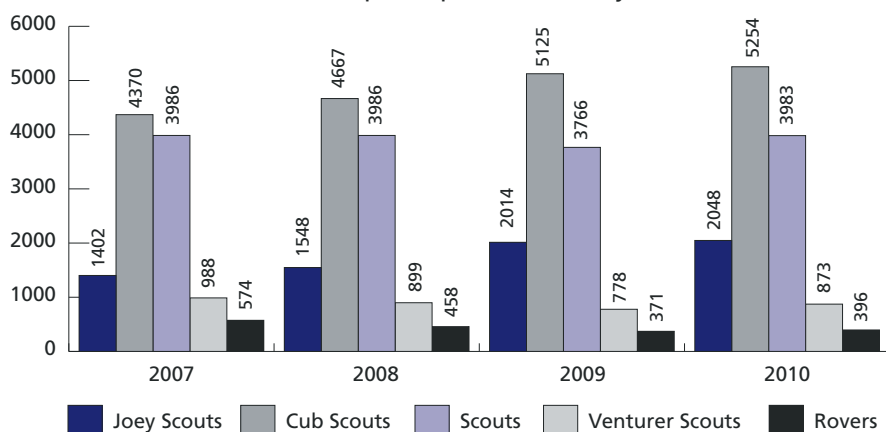
Leader participation level



Youth Members participation level



Youth Member participation levels by Section



National Youth Week

Saturday 28 March saw the Association combining with members of the local Redlands community to hold an open day at the Victoria Point Scout Den. Community Partnerships Officer Michael Boehm was responsible for organising this day which attracted large numbers from the local community.

Teleconference with Members of the Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee to discuss their future plans for Rowallan Park

The Committee is looking for ways through which it can make the park contribute additional income to the Region with consideration presently being given to using part of Rowallan Park for a Grey Nomad Caravan Site.

Whilst this is being done very successfully within Moreton Region at the Allawah Campsite and in Suncoast Region at the Cooroora Campsite,



discussions with the Mackay City Council have indicated that, whilst there is nothing stopping us from using part of the park for a caravan site for members of the Association, there is some concern if we were to make this facility available to members of the community because other caravan parks in the surrounding areas have to comply with fairly stringent Council regulations.

The purpose of the telephone conference was to discuss the thought placed in the minds of the Committee by the Mayor that we should look to see how community members who use the site can become affiliated with the Scout Movement. Discussions in this regard are proceeding.

Kiwi Woggle

This annual event took place at Dunethin Rock Campsite during the Easter Long Weekend. Whilst the inclement weather in the week preceding this activity had dampened the campsite it certainly had not dampened the enthusiasm of the 27 patrols who took part in this annual camping competition. I was pleased to attend the activity on Good Friday and took the opportunity during my attendance to walk around and talk to the majority of the patrols who were at the time busy putting up their campsites. Branch Commissioner (Scouts) Pieter Van Der Kamp was once again this year one of the judges for the competition which I understand presented some challenges particularly with the amount of rain received at the site.

District Commissioner Pam Budge has since advised me that two hours after the patrols had left the site on the Monday the access to the site became flooded with the rising waters causing the organisers to evacuate the site leaving the balance of the cleanup of the camp to when access once again became available later in the week.

St George's Ball

This Queensland Branch Rover Executive activity took place at the Mecure Hotel, Brisbane, on Saturday 18 April 2009 and was attended by approximately 250 Rovers, their friends and past Rovers. The Brisbane Inner City Rover Crew is to be congratulated for their efforts in organising this Rover activity with the

majority of reports indicating that it was an excellent evening.

Brisbane South Region "Sharing Knowledge Day"

This activity took place at the Hemmant Scout Den on Sunday 19 April. I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend the activity and during my attendance answered lots of questions from the Leaders present. This is an excellent training day for members however it is a shame that more Leaders do not take the opportunity to attend.

Breakfast Meeting with State Commissioner for Guides, Mrs Sue Van Eyk

A couple of times each year the State Commissioner for Guides and myself take the opportunity to get together to informally discuss some matters which are effecting both of our Associations. On this occasion we met at the Coffee Club at Milton and were joined by the newly appointed State Executive Officer for Guides and the Assistant State Executive Officer for Scouts. One of the main topics for discussion on this occasion was the conditions reports from the Brisbane City Council in relation to Scout and Guide buildings.

The University of Queensland Medical Society ANZAC Day Tribute Service

This service took place on Friday 24 April at the Medical School on Herston Road, Herston. I was pleased to accept an invitation to represent the Association on this occasion and to witness the truly moving ceremony hosted by Professor John Pearn AM, assisted by a number of medical students.

Dawn ANZAC Day Service

Prior to this service I met with the Venturers and Rovers who, as they do each year, had assembled the barricades in ANZAC Square for breakfast at the Pancake Manor. Whilst 3am is a little early to be having breakfast it did give me the opportunity to say thank you to the Venturer Scouts and Rovers for representing the Association on this very important occasion. Following the breakfast I attended the Dawn Service in ANZAC Square during which I laid a

wreath on behalf of the Association. It was extremely pleasing to see the number of members of the Scout Movement who were present at this service, many of whom were dashing away at the end of the service to attend a service in their local community.

AIF Masonic Lodge ANZAC Memorial Service

I was pleased to accept an invitation to represent the Association at this service which took place on Saturday 25 April in the Masonic Hall at Ann Street Brisbane. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge team were once again present at the ceremony which was well attended with the Grand Hall being nearly full to capacity.

District Commissioners Conference

This Conference which was scheduled to be a weekend conference was reduced to a one day conference held on Saturday 9 May as Mother's Day was the following day. The Conference was held at Baden Powell Park and was well attended from the southeast corner of Queensland. During the day we explored each of the Core Objectives of the 2020 Plan looking at these objectives from an implementation point of view. Our Guest Speaker for the day was Amanda Fajak who workshopped the conference on the topic "Embracing Change".

Royal Lifesaving

Doctor Richard Franklin who was one of the people who joined us in the Look Far Look Wide Patrol visit to the United Kingdom, visited Queensland on Thursday 14 May and during his visit we met to discuss ways that Royal Lifesaving and Scouting in Queensland could work closer together and the possibility of Scouts Queensland assisting Royal Lifesaving in a water safety survey which they are currently conducting.

Queensland Police Service

At the March Region Commissioners Conference, Inspector Robert McCall from the Queensland Police Service joined us to discuss various programs that Queensland Police were running for young people, some of the issues that they experience



with young people and to look for ways the Queensland Police and Scouting could work closer together in addressing these situations. I again met with Robert on Thursday 14 May and during that meeting we identified a number of areas where possible partnerships could be formed including closer relationships in the Indigenous Communities in which we are currently working.

National Training Conference

The Queensland Branch hosted this conference on the weekend of the 16-17 May and I was pleased to attend the Conference for a short while on the Sunday morning. Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford and National Commissioner Paul Parkinson believe that the Conference was a success with one of the major outcomes of the Conference being the reduction in the number of attachments required as evidence of competency in the early part of the leaders training.

National Strategic Planning Conference

This Conference took place in Sydney on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May with the Branch being represented by Mr Craig Ray, as our Chairman was overseas on holidays, the Assistant State

Executive Officer Mr Ryan Sodziak and myself. I believe the outcomes from this meeting are most encouraging but of course the worth of the meeting will be the work which needs to be carried out from this point in time.

I was exceptionally pleased that the Queensland Branch 2020 Plan encompasses all the initiatives of the National Strategic Plan and therefore as we continue to work on the 2020 Plan we will be working towards the objectives of the National Strategic Plan. The only thing we may need to do is adjust the timing of some of the things within the Queensland Branch 2020 Plan.

Government House Queens Birthday Reception

This reception was held on Thursday 4 June 2009 and I was pleased to, along with my wife Kay, accept an invitation from Her Excellency to represent the Association on this occasion.

Branch Commissioner Environmental Education National Meeting

This meeting took place at the Eprapah Environmental Centre on 6-7 June. Queensland Branch was pleased to host this National Conference which also saw

the Chief Commissioner of Australia Reg Williams in attendance for the Saturday. I understand from our Branch Commissioner Environmental Education that the weekend went well with a number of initiatives being identified. Unfortunately I could only spend a couple of hours at the Conference on the Saturday morning.

Government House Open Day

This Open Day took place on Saturday 6 June and we were pleased to accept an invitation to mount a display within the grounds of Government House on that day. The Branch Marketing & Promotions Manager together with our Community Partnerships Officer mounted the display and they report that there was a lot of interest shown by the members of the public who attended.

Woodcrest College Year 10 School Camp

This activity took place under the guidance of our Community Partnership Officer Michael Beohm from Tuesday 9 until Friday 12 of June at the Karingal Campsite. I took the opportunity on Thursday to visit the Camp and had the opportunity to have a discussion with the Head of School who was absolutely delighted with the manner in which the

International Year of Astronomy

Friday 29 May also saw the first night of a three-night program being held at the Queensland Scout Centre. The Centre was buzzing on that night with approximately 200 Youth Members and Leaders present for this activity. This program was the brain child of Major General John Pearn AO who together with Ian Lightbody put together an excellent program to commemorate this international year. The response to this activity has been particularly pleasing and will, it would appear, end up with over 200 Youth Members receiving the relevant Section Proficiency Badge.





Triple S

Whilst Pieter Van Der Kamp has made comments within the Scout Section of the report in relation to this activity I did not want to let the opportunity go past without expressing to Pieter, Jean and the many supporters who help put Triple S together a very sincere thank you on behalf of Scouting in Queensland.

Pieter and Jean have indicated that this will be the final year that they will be running Triple S and so we are currently looking at how we can continue to mount this activity during the July school holidays each year. The fact that it has grown from strength to strength over the years is a strong indicator that this type of Program is not only well received but indeed needed for the Members of the Scout Section.



Camp had been run and the facilities that we had available to hold such a camp.

I also took the opportunity to explain what Scouting was doing with its Venturer Scout Section Program in relation to Certificate Two. The Head of School was extremely interested and asked me to forward some additional documentation to him. I have since discussed this with Michael Boehm with the view of having the documentation delivered at the earliest possible time.

Queen's Birthday Honours List

This list saw two Members of the Queensland Branch being honoured. Firstly Major General John Pearn AO was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia and June Andrews was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. I am sure all Members of the Branch join with me in extending their congratulations to John and June on being honoured in such a fashion and also in extending to them a very sincere thank you for the contribution that they have made to the community through the Queensland Branch.

National Council Annual General Meeting and National Executive Meeting

These meetings were held in Sydney during the weekend of 20-21 June 2009. The National Council Annual Meeting saw the end of a six year term as Chairman by Sir William Dean AC with Sir William agreeing to continue on as a Member of the Council. Major General Michael Jeffery AC accepted an appointment as Chairman of the National Council with Mrs Leneen Forde and Mr Wayne Gould accepting appointments as Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President respectively. The meeting also agreed to appoint Mr John Ravenhall, AM the immediate past Chief Commissioner of Australia, as a Life Member of the National Council.

The Annual Report to the Nation was delivered by the National Chairman Mr Ian Langford Brown and supported by Mr Reg Williams RFD, Chief Commissioner of Australia. Mr Ian Langford Brown having served 6 years as Chairman of the National Executive Committee retired from that position and on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee Mr David Jones OAM was appointed as Chairman of the National Executive Committee for a 3 year appointment until June 2012.

Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General Meeting

This meeting took place at the Queensland Scout Centre on Friday 12 June and during the meeting the Chairman Jarred McDonald delivered his report on the actions of Rovering within Queensland in the last 12 months. It was extremely pleasing to know that the finances of the Queensland Branch Rover Executive have turned round considerably in the last 12 months and Rover Cameron Stanley is to be congratulated on his efforts in this regard.

The meeting saw Phillip Verner being appointed as Chairman and Shaun Sandilands appointed as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing 12 months. Saturday and Sunday following the Annual General Meeting saw the Members of the Queensland Branch Rover Executive together with the Region Representatives meeting at Baden Powell Park and I understand from the Branch Commissioner for Rovers that many initiatives were identified for the Rover Section for the ensuing year.



World Scout Day Ball

This Ball, organised by the Branch Marketing & Promotions Manager, Mr Shaun Sandilands, was held at the Mecure Hotel on Saturday 1 August 2009. Over 240 people over a broad range of ages were in attendance. In addition to having dinner and spending some time on the dance floor, members present participated in an auction consisting of approximately ten items donated to the Movement with the money raised going to the Queensland Branch Centenary Project.

Association's Involvement in the Brisbane Exhibition

This year's involvement took the form of a display tent which included not only some memorabilia from past years but also depicted some of the activities that young people can do in Scouting. We also had a video running full time and because we were on the Education Resource Trail we had a constant stream of young school children visiting our tent to participate in the activity which was provided for them.

During the period of the Exhibition we accumulated in excess of 400 enquiries from people either wishing to know more about the Movement or wanting to know where their closest Group was. The first Friday night of the Exhibition together with the evening of People's Day saw the Banana Bash vehicles in the main arena for a period of about 15 minutes. In addition to this, Scout advertising was played on the big screen and the ground announcer promoted Scouting to the audience. Sunday afternoon of the Exhibition saw approximately ten teams competing for the EKKA Tent Pitching Cup and I must say that I was impressed not only with the speed that these tents went up but also by the way in which they were pitched.

Operation Nighthawk

This annual activity run by Darling Downs Region took place on the weekend of 8-9 August at Pittsworth Showgrounds. The activity once again grew in popularity with over 900 members of the Scout Section and over 300 members of the Venturer Scout Section taking part. The Branch Commissioner Scouts Pieter Van Der Kamp visited the activity for the

opening parade and the early part of the evening. Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts Phil McNicol braved the activity for the whole weekend whilst I arrived in camp late on Saturday evening and had the opportunity to visit a number of the Scout and Venturer Scouts activity sites prior to attending the final parade on the Sunday morning.

It was obvious while visiting the activity sites that it was not only the young people who were enjoying participating in this activity but also the Leaders and a number of Adult Helpers. In the Scout Section the winning team came from Highfields Scout Group with 2nd Toowoomba Team B coming in second place and 2nd Toowoomba Team A coming third. In the Venturer Scout Section the team from Highfields Scout Group took out first place, Drayton come in second with 2nd Nambour taking third place. It is interesting to note that Highfields Scout Group took out the Venturer Scout and the Scout Section competition and even more interesting to note that the Patrol Leader of the Scout Team and Team Leader of the Venturer Scout Team were brothers.

Official Opening of North Lakes Scout Group

This function took place on Tuesday 11 August at the Woodside Community Centre in North Lakes, the centre from which this Scout Group is currently operating. It was great to see the opening being attended by so many of the parents and the supporters from within the community. The Group opened with a Joey Scout Mob, a Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop. During the opening ceremony the Group was presented with flags for these three sections from the District and a World Scout Flag from the Region. In the lead up to the official opening Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts Michele Johnson had visited the Group and invested the Joey Scouts, the Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts Robyn Devine had visited and invested the Cub Scouts and Branch Commissioner Scouts Pieter Van Der Kamp had attended the Group to invest the Scouts into the Scout Movement. I am sure considering the area in which this Group is located that the future will see this Group go from strength to strength.

Redlands City Council Waterways Extension Program

On Thursday 20 August 2009 I was pleased to accept an invitation from the Mayor of Redlands to be present at the launch of this program which was held at our Karingal Campsite. As part of the launch members attending were shown the work that we had been doing at the campsite in conjunction with IndigiScape and during the launch the Mayor praised the Scout Movement for their initiatives in this regard.

ScoutOut

This biennial event in the Branch's calendar was held at Baden Powell Park on 22 August with approximately forty leaders from the Scout Section in attendance. Whilst it was hoped that attendance would have been higher Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp made sure that the leaders in attendance went away with not only program ideas but also some additional skills and I would suggest a renewed enthusiasm for getting on with their role within the Scout Section. I took the opportunity to visit the activity on the Saturday morning and to visit the cooking, mapping, compass and gadget making activities. Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp and his team are to be congratulated for providing this excellent training avenue for leaders of the Scout Section.

Queensland Police Service Academy Induction Parade

Scouts Queensland has continued its involvement in these parades through the presentation of the Scouts Physical Fitness award at each parade held during the year. This is an excellent way to promote the Movement to newly inducted Police Constables. I have been pleased to attend and present the award at the majority of the parades and if unable to attend have ensured that a representative of the Association has been in attendance in uniform to make the presentation.

Award Presentation Ceremony at Queensland Scout Centre

This ceremony was held on Sunday 30 August and saw 74 Leaders being presented with Adult Recognition Awards, 44 Youth Members being



presented with their Australian Scout Medallion Certificate and one Adult Member being presented with her Diploma. This ceremony also saw three of the recently appointed Life Members presented with their Life Member Pins by the Chairman of the Branch Executive Committee the Honourable Glen Williams AO. The Leaders and Youth Members who were not able to attend the ceremony will be presented with their awards within their various Regions.

Brisbane Inner City Rover Crew Charter Presentation

On Wednesday 2 September I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend this Crew's Business Meeting during which I had the opportunity to present to them their Charter Certificate. This Crew which is attached to the Branch Headquarters is a comparatively young Crew and it was great to see that they were able to obtain their charter status so early in their history.

Region Commissioners Teleconference

This conference took place in the evening of Thursday 3 September with the majority of the Region Commissioners being in attendance. Unfortunately two Region Commissioners were not able to join the conference owing to work commitments. The conference went through a full agenda of items including a briefing on the new procedures as far as grants are concerned and a discussion in relation to progress relative to the 2020 Plan.

Skillorama

This activity, run on an annual basis by the Near North Coast and Country Region, was held at the Redcliffe Showgrounds on Saturday 5 September 2009. This is an activity where members of the Scout, Venturer Scouts and Rover Section put together activities for members of the Joey Scout and Cub Scout Sections to participate in and is one of those activities run by the Region to promote advancement from one section to the next. Numbers in attendance were about on par with last year despite the fact that there was some inclement weather early on the Saturday which deterred some

Groups who had previously indicated their attendance. Region Commissioner Irma Howell and her band of willing helpers are to be congratulated on this excellent activity and for continuing the tradition of Skillorama.

Girl Guide Australia Centenary Launch

This launch which took place at the Kindilan Campsite on Saturday 5 September was part of a weekend activity run by Girl Guides Australia to celebrate their Centenary. Kay and I were pleased to accept an invitation to attend this launch and to take the opportunity of taking a walk around Kindilan to see the various activities in which the girls were involved.

BRAVSLAC

This Venturer Scout Section Leader activity was conducted at Burleigh Heads Scouting Centre on Sunday 6 September. The Saturday was a day of activities whilst during my attendance on the Sunday morning the group was discussing how Camp LU11 could be improved as well as the implementation of the new Venturer Scout Section Award Scheme and the Cert II which is now available to the members of the Venturer Scout Section who can apply on completion of the Venturer Scout Award.

Branch Commissioner Phil McNicol was pleased with the attendance of approximately 30 Leaders and the Leaders who I spoke with certainly indicated that they felt the weekend was well and truly worthwhile.

Community Supporting Police Inc. Annual General Meeting

This meeting was held at the Main Conference Centre of the Police Headquarters on Wednesday 9 September and I was pleased to accept an invitation to represent the Association on this occasion. It was interesting to listen to the reports delivered by President Bryan Brown and other members of their management committee and with Bryan's reappointment to the position of President for a further 12 month period we extend to him our best wishes in this regard.

Belmont Scout Group 60th Anniversary

Saturday 12 September saw the Belmont Scout Group celebrate this milestone in the history of the Group. I was pleased to attend the festivities on the Saturday afternoon and along with Mrs Myrtle Wright, who is the longest serving member of the Group, I was pleased to plant a tree to commemorate this occasion. The afternoon activities were followed by a celebration dinner.

Cub Scout Expo

This activity under the leadership of Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts Robyn Devine took place on the weekend of 12-13 September and this year was held at the Karingal Campsite. Robyn was pleased to have in excess of 60 Leaders attend this activity which was an extremely practical weekend to assist Leaders with ideas that they can use back at their various Packs. During my attendance on the Sunday morning I witnessed the "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" base which entailed the Leaders cooking cakes and scones in an alfoil oven, pikelets on the bottom of a Milo tin and hotdogs in milk cartons all of which became their morning tea.

Government House Awards Ceremony

This ceremony hosted by our Chief Scout and Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AO took place on Monday 14 September and saw 17 Youth Members being presented with their Queen Scout Certificate, five Rovers being presented with their Baden Powell Award and two Adult Members, namely Mr Robert Thurlby and Mr Vincent Corbin OAM, being presented with a Silver Kangaroo. Following the awards presentation the Governor hosted a reception inside Government House during which she took the opportunity to move around and talk to as many of the recipients and their guests as possible.

Eprapah Management Committee

I am pleased to advise that for the first time for many years we now have in place a Management Committee for our Eprapah Site. This Committee consists of



eight people, only three of whom have a day to day involvement in the Scout Movement, with one of those three being a member of the Rover Section with a Science Degree. The inaugural meeting of this Committee was held at the Branch Headquarters on Tuesday 15 September at which time I gave them the documentation used to have the site reaccredited as a SCENES Centre and a copy of the Land Management document prepared by students from the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE, who had compiled the plan as part of their Diploma of Conservation and Land Management Studies. The challenge that I gave them was to look for ways through which the Association could bring this site to a breakeven point as far as our cash flow budget was concerned.

Agoonoree

The September School Holidays saw the annual Agoonoree Camp once again

being conducted at Baden Powell Park. Michele Johnson as Camp Chief reports that all went according in plan with the main difficulty for this year's activity being recruiting enough Members from the Scout Section for the Troop Lines. This was overcome by using the younger Venturer Scouts as members of the Troop Line. As usual the Branch hosted an afternoon tea to give us the opportunity to say thank you to the many supporters of this activity and in particular to the people and the various organisations who had given donations to assist the running of Agoonoree. The only additional challenge this year was the dust storm which hit Brisbane; however, it is pleasing to report that the effects of the storm were minimal from a health point of view.

Holiday Adventure Camps

Once again during School Holidays we ran these adventure camps from

Karingal and for the first time we also conducted School Holiday Adventure Camps from Baden Powell Park, and despite the short lead time into this activity, numbers attending the camp were better than expected. We initially had some promotional setbacks with the BP Park Camp because of the fact that the Samford and Dayboro Schools initially would not promote the camp because they also run school holiday activities however once their activities became booked out they were only too willing to promote the School Holiday Adventure Camps at BP Park.

Scoutreach Lones Camp

This annual event in the Scoutreach Lones calendar took place at Baden Powell Park during the second week of the School Holidays. In addition to the BP Park Camp some of the Venturer Scouts did an expedition as part of their award scheme. Along with a number of

23rd Australian Jamboree (AJ2013)

Following on from the decision of the National Executive Meeting in relation to Queensland Branch hosting the above Jamboree, as I had previously planned to be in Maryborough to run a Region Seminar on the 21 & 22 November, I took the opportunity to host an afternoon tea at Maryborough Park International Equestrian & Exhibition Centre on Saturday 21 November to officially announce that we would be hosting the Jamboree and that it would be based at the Maryborough Park International Equestrian & Exhibition Centre. Unfortunately because the Mayor was away on annual leave he could not attend however he did arrange for the Deputy Mayor Councillor Belinda McNeven to represent him and Belinda, along with five other members of the Council and the State Member for Maryborough, Mr Christopher Foley, were able to join with the Region Commissioner, Members of the Region Team, some Leaders from within the Region and some Members of the Scout and Cub Scout Sections for this announcement.

The Manager of Maryborough Park, Mrs Thea Griffin, was also present and all the Councillors and State Members expressed their delight at Maryborough being chosen as the site for the Jamboree and offered whatever assistance they could to ensure the smooth operation of this important activity in the Scout Calendar.

There was an article in the local newspaper on Saturday morning, Channel 7 and Win TV also did interviews on the day and the Council's Senior Media Officer was present taking photographs for inclusion in the next addition of the Fraser Coast Regional Council newsletter.





the Branch Commissioners I was pleased to attend the Scoutreach Lones dinner and during that attendance presented an Australian Scout Medallion and invested a Joey Scout. Group Leader Di Randerson and her team are to be congratulated on an excellent activity.

National Police Remembrance Day Candlelight Vigil and Church Service

The candlelight vigil was held on Monday 28 September at the Queensland Police Memorial in George Street, Brisbane and I was pleased to accept an invitation from the Police Commissioner to be present for this vigil. The church service was held the following day with Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown attending the service as the Association's representative.

Rochedale Revue

This biennial event in the Branch Calendar took place during the September school holidays and I was pleased to attend the performance on Friday 2 October. It was an excellent night's entertainment and the Producers certainly, in putting the show together, gave some challenges not only to the people on stage but also to the people working backstage because without the coordination between these two groups some of the items would not have given the audience the visual appeal that they did.

National Performing Arts Committee Meeting

This meeting was held on the weekend of 3-4 October and was this year, hosted by the Queensland Branch at the Queensland Scout Centre. The meeting which comprises of representatives of all the Gang/Scout Shows within Australia is an annual event and as part of their visit to Brisbane they attended Rochedale Revue on the Saturday afternoon and then the theatrical performance at the Casino at the Gold Coast on Saturday evening before conducting their meeting on the Sunday. I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend and open the meeting on Sunday morning and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Geoff Doo and his team for putting together an excellent program for our visitors.

Visit to Far North and Kennedy Region

On Friday 23 October I flew to Cairns in time to attend the Far North Region Leaders Dinner and during my attendance at the dinner presented the Leaders and Supporters who had been awarded Adult Recognition Awards with their award insignias. On Saturday I travelled the Barrabadeen Campsite where the 48 members from Far North Region who are members of the Queensland Contingent to AJ2010 were holding their pre-Jamboree camp. This camp was designed to give them a taste of what the Jamboree would be like and in particular to familiarise them with the camp set up that they were using during the Jamboree.

After having lunch with one of the patrols I took the opportunity to visit some of the activities that were being conducted and it is interesting to note that the members of the Far North Region Rover Crew were responsible for running these activities. This was particularly impressive considering the night before the same Rover Crew had cooked the evening meal for the Leaders' dinner. On Sunday morning I caught an early plane from Cairns to Townsville where after a meeting with the Region Commissioner I had the opportunity to attend the Region Seminar during which we talked at some length about the 2020 Plan and how the Leaders from within that Region could ensure the success of the plan for Scouting within Kennedy Region.

Following lunch we conducted an awards presentation ceremony during which I presented Adult Recognition Awards to the Leaders and Supporters of the Region who had been recognised for their service in the awards announced on World Scout Day.

Wonargo Revue

This annual activity took place at the Wonargo Cultural Centre during the period under review and it was, I understand with the exception of the first couple of shows, a sell out. Producer John Martin and his team once again put together an excellent night's entertainment and are to be congratulated on their efforts. This Revue, like most of the other stage

productions, would like to see some more male members of the Association joining the cast to give a better balance to the performance.

Region Commissioners Conference

The weekend of the 6, 7 & 8 November saw the last of the Region Commissioners Conferences for the year being held at Baden Powell Park. At various stages through the seminar we were joined by the Grants Officer, the Marketing and Promotions Manager and Mr Ian Waters, Project Commissioner for Risk Management. Each of them led the conference through a session relative to their area of responsibility with the primary thrust in relation to grants being how we can get Groups to become involved in providing the information so that a grant application can be lodged, from a Marketing and Promotions point of view to discuss the Association's involvement in the Great Aussie Campout and from a Risk Management point of view to bring the Region Commissioners up to date on progress and to talk with them about the appointment of Region Coordinators.

A large amount of time at the Conference was spent on training matters with the first draft of a matrix being developed as an easy reference point for Leaders to be able to understand what they are able to do dependant on whether they have been issued a Letter of Authority, Letter of Acknowledgment, Certificate of Membership, Certificate of Adult Leadership or Certificate of Appointment.

The Great Debate

This annual event in the calendar for the Stafford Rotary Club and the Stafford Lions Club took place at the Stafford Scout Den on Tuesday 10 November 2009. The subject of the debate this year was "Is it a myth that good things come in small parcels". This was a dinner meeting with the Stafford Scout Group providing dinner as a fundraiser for the Group and I was pleased to accept an invitation to be the adjudicator of the debate.



National Executive, Operations and Chairmen's Meeting

The Queensland Branch hosted this round of meetings with the meetings being held at Baden Powell Park. Whilst obviously there were a number of topics discussed during the weekend I believe the most significant of these for the Queensland Branch was the National Executive Committee accepting the recommendations put forward by the Queensland Branch in relation to the hosting of AJ2013. I am pleased to report that the paper was accepted at the Chairmen's Meeting and Operations Meeting and subsequently by the National Executive Committee with very few questions being asked.

Goodna Scout Group 40th Birthday Celebrations

These celebrations took place on Saturday 28 November and took the form of a day of activities at the den. The day was well attended by past members of the Group and at the time of the official ceremony, the Local Councillor, the State Member and the Federal Member were in attendance.

AJ2010 - Cataract Park, Sydney

This of course was the major event in the scouting calendar over the Christmas period. Our advance party departed Brisbane on Monday 28 December at 5am and it was obvious to me that all were in high spirits and were looking forward to the challenge of the Jamboree. The members of the Contingent left Brisbane on Sunday 3 January with the first flight being once again at 5am. I was present to see the majority of the flights depart and took the opportunity to talk to a number of Leaders and Youth Members who were also looking forward to the challenge of the next ten days. I was pleased to be able to attend the Jamboree for the final four days and to accept in the closing ceremony the Jamboree Flag of Friendship from the Chief Commissioner of the New South Wales Branch. This flag will remain in Queensland until the ceremony of AJ2013 in Maryborough when it will be passed on to the Chief Commissioner of the State which will host the next Jamboree.

Australia Day Reception

The Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd hosted an Australia Day Reception on Saturday 23 January at the Watermill, Queensland Art Gallery, South Brisbane and I was pleased to accept an invitation to represent the Association on this occasion. During his address the Prime Minister paid tribute to the many people who volunteer their times to many organisations throughout Australia and impressed on those present the fact that without this tremendous contribution, in his opinion, the country would grind to a halt.

Branch Team Seminar

This seminar designed to get the Branch Team up and running for the New Year was held at the Queensland Scout Centre on Tuesday 2 February. The seminar was reasonably well attended and during the seminar we took the opportunity to bring the leaders attached to the Branch Headquarters up to date with several of the Branch initiatives.

Gold Coast Blaze Presentation

On Friday 5 February I visited the Gold Coast to attend the Gold Coast Blaze basketball game against the Perth Wildcats. Just prior to the commencement of this game the owner of the Gold Coast Blaze presented a cheque to the Association, for approximately \$900, representing a percentage of the door takings from the night of the special Scout game. Along with four Youth representatives I was pleased to accept this cheque on behalf of the Association. It was clear from my discussions with officials from the Gold Coast Blaze that they wish to continue the association with Scouts Queensland in the next year.

Baden Powell Lodge Founder's Night

The Baden Powell Masonic Lodge held its annual Founder's Night Service on Wednesday 10 February. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Team were once again in attendance and it was indeed pleasing to see The Most Worshipful the Grand Master wearing his Queensland Scarf, having been invested by me as an

Honorary Member of the Movement last year, with his Grand Lodge regalia. During my attendance at the service I took the opportunity to speak to the current Grand Master and the incoming Grand Master about the Grand Lodge Team attending the Lodge Meeting during the 2013 Australian Jamboree in Maryborough.

Appointment of Region Commissioner Gold Coast Region

Mr Mark Cane who was Region Commissioner for the Gold Coast Region has accepted employment in the Northern Territory and therefore resigned his appointment as Region Commissioner. I am pleased to advise that Mr Bob Campbell, a long serving Leader from within the Movement, has accepted my invitation to become the Region Commissioner for Gold Coast Region and took over this appointment as from the 11 February 2010.

Wynnum Scout Group 100th Year Anniversary Dinner

This dinner was held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club on Saturday 13 February and was attended by over 120 current and past members of the Group. During my attendance at the dinner I had the opportunity to present to the Group Leader of Wynnum Scout Group her Certificate of Appointment as Group Leader together with her Certificate III training certificate. This was the first of three events which the Group plans to celebrate its 100th year of continuous Scouting. The second will be an afternoon tea for past members of the Group who were unable to get to the dinner and the third will be a Scout Rally held in the park where the Wynnum Den is situated.

Appointment of Branch Commissioner Scouts

It had been planned for quite some time that Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp would complete his time as Branch Commissioner Scouts following the 2010 Australian Jamboree. I am now pleased to advise that Mr Steven Marshall who has a considerably length of service within the Scout Section and has attended Jamborees as a Troop Leader has accepted my



Appointment of Directors for AJ2013

I am pleased to advise that the following directors have been appointed;

Chief Director	Pieter Van Der Kamp
Director Finance	Jean Clifford
Director Support Services (including Adult Resources)	Ryan Sodziak
Director Marketing and Communications	Robyn Devine
Director Transport and Security	Trevor O'Hara
Director Sites and Services	Albert Shelley
Director Health Services	Michael Rice
Director Logistics	Timothy Gibbings
Director Program	Paul Marnane

invitation to take up an appointment as Branch Commissioner Scouts for the Queensland Branch. Steve's appointment took affect from Monday 15 February 2010.

Branch Founder's Day Service

This service to celebrate the life of our Founder Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell was held under the leadership of Deputy Chief Commissioner Iain Furby at the Queensland Scout Centre on Friday 19 February. Major General John Pearn AO was guest speaker for the evening which was much better attended than the acceptances to this function indicated. During the evening we were pleased to have the support of the Stafford Scout Group who assisted in setting up the area and provided members for the flag party, Mr John Martin provided the accompaniment for the singing and members of the Brisbane Gang Show. Without this support it would be more difficult to host functions such as this at the Branch Headquarters.

Appointment of Deputy Chief Commissioner Major Activities

I am pleased to advise that Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp has accepted my invitation to become Deputy Chief Commissioner Major Activities. Pieter's main duty in this regard will be as Chief Director for the Australian Jamboree to be held in Maryborough in January 2013.

Restructure of the Branch Team

Following the acceptance by the National Executive Committee of our recommendations in relation to the hosting of the 2013 Australian Jamboree, I met with my Deputy Chief Commissioners to discuss the current structure of the Queensland Branch Team. In putting this matter on the table for discussion I commented to them my concerns in relation to the next three years where we have a Jamboree to organise, a Queensland Contingent to organise and above all we must ensure that the current initiatives of the Queensland Branch, including the support of the Formations throughout the Branch, are continued so that we continue to see increases in our Youth Membership and in our Leader numbers.

As a result of the deliberations I have now restructured the Branch Team with the Deputy Chief Commissioner for Resources accepting the responsibility for the Youth Activities Team, the Specialist Outdoor Activities Team, the Heritage Team, the Air Activities Team and the Environmental Education Team. The Deputy Chief Commissioner Development now has responsibility for the International Team and Deputy Chief Commissioner Special Duties has responsibility for the Wonargo Revue. I continue to have responsibilities for the Branch Sectional Commissioners and will continue to meet with them on a monthly basis. On a quarterly basis we

will pull the whole of the Branch Team together for the normal Youth Program Team Meeting.

From a Gang Show point of view the Executive Director of Brisbane Gang Show will remain directly responsible to me; however the Production Director of Brisbane Gang Show will be primarily responsible to the Executive Director with the exception of appointment, show content and age extensions.

This will mean I will have less people reporting directly to me which will enable me to be of assistance to Pieter in his role as Chief Director of AJ2013 as well as being able to spend more time in relation to the direction of Scouting within Queensland.

Meeting with Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson

On Thursday 25 February along with Deputy Chief Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp and Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak I visited the Police Commissioner to brief him in relation to the forthcoming AJ2013 and to seek the assistance of the Police Department in the staging of this event. Both Bob and his Chief of Staff were exceptionally helpful and agreed that they would be of whatever assistance they could to us in the staging of this event. Since the meeting I have written to the Commissioner outlining some of the support that we would be looking for from the Police Department.



Centenary Project

During the period under review we received the subsidy cheque from the Queensland Government amounting to \$48,670.90. This brings the total of the amount which we will be presenting to the Wesley Research Institute to \$140,977.63. I have been in contact with Professor Julie Campbell and advised her of the amount that our donation will be. The PR Officer from the Wesley Research Institute and our Marketing and Promotions Manager are currently working on putting together the ceremony for the presentation of this cheque which at this stage we envisage will be held at the Wesley Research Institute. Once arrangements have been made invitations will be distributed.

Sport and Recreation Funding

I am now pleased to advise that as a result of an announcement made by the Minister for the Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation on 25 February organisations such as Scouts and Guides are eligible to submit applications for funding from sport and recreation. The main difference between sport and recreation funding and grants received from Jupiter's Casino or GCBF is that with the sport and recreation funding the Association has to make a contribution to the overall project. The amount of this contribution is dependent on the value of the project being undertaken. I believe this will give us the opportunity to make our capital works dollars go further.

Indigenous Program

It was very disappointing when in October we had to wind up the programs we had been offering to indigenous communities within Queensland as the funding we had received from the Federal Government had been exhausted. Whilst we do not have the benefit of any funding

from the Federal Government in this regard we are trying, although in a much reduced way, to continue to offer Scouting to members of the Indigenous Community with the majority of this support now being offered through Far North Region. I would like to place on record the Association's sincere thanks to Mr Cliff Farmer who was our Project Officer for the six years of the program, to Mr Bryan Brown who filled the role of Development Officer also for a six year period and to Ms Glynis Williams who for a three year period also supported the program as a Development Officer.

I am privileged to lead a team of extremely dedicated Deputy Chief Commissioners, Region Commissioners and Branch Commissioners who through their strong belief in the principles of the Scout Movement continually go that extra mile in providing support to our leaders, steadfastly believing that the programs which the Movement offers to our Youth Members gives to them life lasting experiences which as they journey along life's path will assist them to contribute as useful citizens in the communities in which they live.

It is extremely important that the Branch Headquarters continues to support the leadership at the 282 Formations throughout the communities in Queensland. It is at these Formations that Scouting really happens, where Scouting has the opportunity to influence the lives of our young people, the lives of the most precious resource that this country has and the lives of the people who in the not too distant future will be the leaders of our country.

There are so many people within the Queensland Branch who deserve a special mention of thanks however it is not possible to list all those people within this report. I would however like to make special mention of the staff at Branch Headquarters, the Assistant State Executive Officer Mr Ryan Sodziak,

my Executive Assistant Linn Pihl and my Secretary Michelle Sodziak all of whom provide me with excellent support to be able to carry out the challenges of my position.

We will see at tonight's meeting the changing of the guard as Manfred Cross AM completes his term as President of the Queensland Branch and the Honourable Glen Williams AO finishes as Chairman of the Queensland Branch Executive. These two gentlemen have worked tirelessly over many years in support of the Queensland Branch. I personally along with many other members of the Branch have been the recipient of their wise council and I am sure that Scouting in Queensland is all the richer for the contribution that they have made to the Movement. To them both I extend a heartfelt "BRAVO".

My final thank you is extended to the many adults both in leadership roles and in supporter roles who make sure that Scouting in Queensland continues to be available to the young people of this great State. These people make an outstanding volunteer contribution to the Scout Movement, the time they commitment is absolutely tremendous and the dedication which they give typifies the Scout Promise of doing our best to do our duty to our God, our country, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

The test of Scouting today is to provide to our Youth Members programs which in addition to challenging them, encourages them to continue to attend. The test of Scouting tomorrow will be the contribution that these young people make to theirs and the wider communities of Queensland and Australia.



Program Operations

Youth Program

Joey Scout Section

As in other years Joey Scout Leaders throughout the State have been working diligently to run Joey Scout Programs that are interesting, challenging and full of fun for Joey Scouts.

Activities

Joey Scout Jaunt is a popular activity run in various Regions of the State. Because of the vast distances in Queensland it is not possible to hold just one Joey Scout Jaunt with others being run in Cairns, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Airlie Beach and Darling Downs Region. Regions have a choice to use the same theme as the Branch activity or to choose one that suits their own circumstances. However the same badge is provided for the Joey Scouts.

This year the South East corner ran Joey Scout Jaunt at Baden Powell Park Samford on the first Saturday in August. The theme was 'Regattas' with many interesting and varied activities offered by the Mobs. Joey Scout Leaders are asked to provide a cheap, fun activity for the day. This gives an opportunity for other leaders to go away from the day with renewed vigour and a wide selection of ideas to use with their Mobs. Two hundred and thirty-four Joey Scouts attended with another one hundred Leaders, parents and siblings making up the numbers.

Members of the Branch Team, including Environment, Heritage, Cub Scout section, Scout section and Air Activities all presented activities on the day.

Group Leader and Trainer, John Parr, who was awarded a Vodafone grant to take First Aid to 50,000 young people across the State in a year, attended the Joey Scout Jaunt at Baden-Powell Park where his activity was well received by the Joey Scouts.

Brisbane Gang Show runs in the Schonell Theatre at the Queensland University during the June/July school.

Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts had two matinees dedicated to them.

Joey Scouts also attended Region and District activities such as Skillorama, Sleepovers, Mob Holidays and Special Mob Meetings. April is very popular for Sleepovers so as to attend ANZAC Day parades and services on the following morning. Joey Scouts also attended camps run by the Branch Activities Team throughout the year.

Joey Scout Leaders Hopalong was run at Baden-Powell Park in November where the Leaders in attendance participated in a variety of activities and returned to their Mobs with more great ideas for their programs. Once again members of the Youth Program Team and Joey Scout Leaders presented a program with fun for all.

New Leader Receptions

New Joey Scout Leaders were welcomed during some New Leader Receptions which were held at the Queensland Scout Centre. Branch Team members were happy to explain their roles and the ways they could assist new volunteer members.

2020 Plan

Throughout the year the Joey Scout Section contributed to the Branch 2020 Plan for the development of the Movement in Queensland.

Challenges

The Joey Scout Challenges have been popular with both the Joey Scouts and the Leaders. Most Mobs participated in at least one during the year although some leaders like to include two in their long term programming. The Promise Challenge, which is the only badge a Joey Scout can earn by themselves, continues to be popular with a steady flow of Certificates and badges being presented. A Joey Scout needs to be seven to commence this Challenge. The other four Challenges, Care and Share,

Buddy, Environment, and Adventure, that are available to the Joey Scouts are completed as a Mob as part of the weekly program or as the theme for a Mob Holiday. Joey Scouts may wear these badges on their uniform.

The Promise Challenge is very popular with the seven year old Joey Scouts who have presented their projects in a variety of ways. Some Groups choose to have a Group Presentation where all or some Sections are presented with awards but most present the awards on a Mob parade.

Joey Scouts may also commence their Cub Scout Link badge after their seventh birthday. They can complete the requirements, receive the badge and wear it on their uniform while in the Mob. This badge and the Promise Challenge may be worn into the Cub Scout Section. Once a Joey Scout turns seven and a half they may be considered for Advancement to the Cub Scout Section depending upon maturity levels. However, they may remain in the Joey Scout Section until they turn eight when they should then progress to the next section.

Training

During the past year some Joey Scout Mobs have been re-established and some new Mobs begun. This has led to a steady flow of Joey Scout Leaders completing their training including some who have attained their Woodbadge.

Other Leader Activities

It is important for Joey Scout Leaders to participate in activities with other leaders and some have been participants at Agoonoree, Brisbane Gang Show and other Revues, while others attended the recent Jamboree at Cataract Park in January.



Cub Scout Section

Cub Scouting in Queensland continues to develop to meet the needs of our Youth Members and their Leaders in the current environment. The numbers in the Packs continue to grow and one of the challenges is to continue to provide quality programs with qualified Leaders.

Parents can identify with the many strategies that the Cub Scout Leaders implement in their program aimed at developing the Youth Members. Cub Scouts and their Leaders actively participate in a variety of activities throughout the year including Branch, Region, District and Group events. Many of these are held in areas that allow community awareness of the Scouting program. This will always assist with recruitment and increasing numbers.

Enthusiasm abounds for the Inaugural Cuboree in Queensland to be held at

Stanthorpe Showgrounds in September for nine (9) and ten (10) year old Cub Scouts and their Leaders.

Currently many Leaders are involved with the planning and implementation of Cuboree 2010 – The Web of Life, activities will include Labyrinth, Stand ‘n’ Deliver, Carnivale, Global Kaleidoscope and the Amazing Race. Thanks must go the Southern Downs Regional Council and the Stanthorpe Showgrounds Society as well as the local community for their support.

This event will be an exciting adventure for the Cub Scouts and it is anticipated there will be 1000 participants for the five (5) day Camp.

The Scouts Queensland 2020 Cub Scout plan has identified many challenges that lay ahead in supporting Leaders to provide quality programs. Successful

strategies include including training sessions like Cub Scout Expo in Region areas, more active use of online options including Facebook Groups and Scouts Queensland website, use of District Training Meeting Programs are a few.

The challenges include retention of quality Leaders, motivating Cub Scouts to continue their Scouting journey to the Scout Section via active linking and promoting Cub Scouting within the community.

Whilst there are a myriad of Cub Scouting activities in which the Cub Scouts participate there still remains many families within the community unaware of the benefits that Cub Scouts can bring to their child. Promotion and sustainable growth remain the priorities for the Branch team, whilst ensuring that Cub Scouts continue to learn by doing and having FUN.

Scout Section

Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp reports the past year has been very busy due to the Triple S camp, Scoutout in Brisbane and the preparation of the Jamboree.

The Triple S camp was held in the June/July school holidays with a record number in attendance. What was pleasing was that 181 Leaders attended as well as 876 Scouts. All Scouts and most Leaders attended the Brisbane Gang Show. Activities included Abseiling, Pioneering, fun Activities such as Mud Lark, Cooking, Working with wood, Patrol Challenges, Triple S 3 minute challenges and the Sports challenge. The theme for this year’s Camp was International. Much to the delight of Scouts and Leaders was the fireworks display on the Sunday night.

Scoutout was held at BP Park Samford with the theme being “Going International”. Leaders enjoyed the weekend and went home with plenty of ideas. The most enjoyable part of the weekend was the cookout, using the conventional camp ovens and cooking fire pits cooking international

meals were a cinch. The weekend was spent covering the Campcraft Badge and a special Program based on the International theme.

The program was a follow up of what was learnt on the Campcraft bases on day 1. Regions and Districts were busy during the year running their Standards Camps. It is interesting to note that many Troops still prefer the traditional ways of camping with the use of Canvas and timber construction.

Kiwi Woggle was held this year over the Easter break, the pleasing aspect of the weekend was the high standard of health, hygiene and safety in the Campsite. The displeasing aspect was that there was a lack of construction skills; the only tool required was a hammer to drive in the pegs.

Large numbers attended Nighthawk, Butterfly and Nightowl. Nighthawk in Toowoomba was the largest of these events. Cool conditions prevailed again but this does not concern the Scouts, Scouts kept warm however with a 4 hour hike with 7 Activity bases along

the way.

AJ2010 was well attended by 1,207 Scouts, 11 Venturer Scouts and 298 Leaders, Rovers and other Adults. The Jamboree was enjoyed by all that participated; as per usual there were some that got sick and some that were injured fortunately less than the past couple of Jamborees. This Jamboree gave us the opportunity to advertise AJ2013, this went better than anticipated.

Scout Leadership Courses were also well attended during the year. It has become quite common for Scouts to move outside their Regions to get onto a Course

The awardees of the Australian Scout Medallion this year numbered about 90, I was happy to attend several of these presentations throughout the year.

The Branch Scout Section Council has been busy during the past 12 months. This was a busy year for the committee, without their dedicated assistance Branch run Activities would struggle to succeed.



Venturer Scout Section

As part of Scouts Australia's bid to stay relevant to modern society, the Venturer Scout Section award scheme was reviewed and revised, culminating in a launch of the changes in January 2009. During the reporting period many workshops for Leaders and Venturer Scouts were run throughout the State. The message that was delivered in those workshops was that the award scheme is not just a personal development tool, it is also a tool necessary for Venturer Scout units to use in their program to ensure that what our young people are doing and learning is balanced across activity areas in which the Venturer Scouts have confidence, and activity areas that challenge the Venturer Scouts by pushing them out of their comfort zone. The consensus of opinion at the national Venturer Scout Section program meeting in August was that the recent changes to the Venturer Scout Section, including the changes to the Queen's Scout Award scheme, has been well received and is achieving the intended aims.

Late in 2009, three Venturer Scouts earned Vocational Education and Training level 2 certificates in leadership support and business. This was as a result of their participation in the Queen's Scout Award scheme, and the changes made to the scheme in the recent review.

Venturer Scouts across the State continue to be involved in unit, district, and region activities. In May, Gold Coast and Brisbane South Venturer Scouts conducted May Venture over the long weekend at Karingal Campsite, Mount Cotton, while other Venturer Scouts spent the same weekend hiking in the hills and valleys to the east of Rathdowney as part of VenMX (the former Brisbane North Region May Expedition). It was pleasing to see 350 Venturer Scouts attended Operation Nighthawk (an overnight hike and initiative activity) at Pittsworth in August. This is remarkable as it represents almost half the Venturer Scouts in the state, and it must have been a powerful message to the large number of Scouts who were attending that the Venturer Scout Section does the sort of things that Scouts enjoy, and that there are plenty of Venturer Scouts in Queensland. Central Queensland Venturer Scouts conducted a CQ Venture at Seeonee Park (Rockhampton) and Sunshine Coast Venturer Scouts attended a Suncoast Roventure organised by Rovers in that region. Noosa Venture, a weekend of sun, surf and skiing was attended by 238 Venturer Scouts in December. Another Roventure (organised by Rovers to encourage linking by Venturer Scouts) was conducted at Samford in March.

During the period under review, 27 applications for the Queen's Scout Award were received and approved (23 in 2008-09). In September, seventeen Venturer Scouts were presented to the Queensland Governor and Chief Scout (fifteen in 2008-09) who presented them with their Queen's Scout Award certificates at a ceremony in the Investiture Room at Government House.

The Venturer Scout Section offers structured training courses for Venturer Scouts in small team management and basic committee operations, as well as personal leadership development. Though attendance at these Branch run courses is necessary to attain the Queen's Scout Award, all Venturer Scouts are encouraged to take advantage of the training whether they are pursuing the award scheme or not. During the period of this report, Venturer Scout Unit Management training was provided to 146 Venturers in Brisbane, Townsville, Rockhampton, Cairns, Mackay, Ipswich, Pormpuraaw, and Buderim (78 in 2008-09 and 120 in 2007-08). Venturer Scout Leadership training was provided to 114 Venturers in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Ipswich, Pormpuraaw, Parkwood, and Buderim (65 in 2008-09 and 90 in 2007-08).

Rover Section

At the Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General Meeting the following Rovers were elected to Executive positions for the ensuing year: Phillip Verner - Chairman, Shaun Sandilands - Deputy Chairman, Rowan Yates - Resources, Cameron Stanley - Promotions & Service, Xavier Musson - Communications, Michael Watkins/Sinead Argent - Treasurer, Tammy Richards/Sam Caterer - Secretary and Shari Cunningham - Awards.

The first task of the new executive and the current region representatives was the Annual Rover Conference held at BP Park Samford. The conference updated the Rover Strategic Plan and established

goals for the year ahead including reversing the downward trend in Rover numbers, improving organisation of QBRE activities, increasing effectiveness of QBRE meetings and improving communication.

The June Long Weekend saw, the annual running of the Central Queensland June Moot in Emerald.

In July QBRE Chairman Phillip Verner and BC Rovers Gavin Brady attended the National Rover Section Program Review Meeting in Sydney. The meeting was a valuable insight into the activities of the other state Rover sections and also started to determine the direction of

the National Rover Section Review. The month also saw Christmas in July held again at Murrenbong Scout Campsite.

Rovers participated in this year's EKKa Bash Car Challenge in front of 15,000 people in the main arena. The participating vehicles were Aspley Rover Crew's "The Bull", Downland's Rover Crews "Thumpa", The Gap Rover Crews "Bug Guts" and Wahminda Park Rover Crews "Tonka."

Rovers from throughout Queensland attended CQ Service Moot in Gladstone which saw Rovers canoe down Auckland Creek cleaning out rubbish. Auckland Creek is the main creek that runs



through the town and up the other end it goes close to the dump. The organising crew planned the paddling so that they had the flood tide helping them get up the creek and the ebb tide back out!

QBRE has held two "Introduction to Rovers" in the second half of the year with plans for one more before the end of the year. Introduction to Rovers is designed for those who are new to Rovers, doing squire training, starting a crew, etc. and has a flexible program to help Rovers and Crews just starting out to get the most out of Rovering.

Stafford Rover Crew again ran Billy Bash at Murrenbong Scout Campsite.

Over 30 Rovers assisted with the directing of parking at the 2009 V8 Supercars Race Day at Queensland Raceway. The Rovers were highly commended for their efforts and proceeds from the day's activities provided a valuable source of fund raising for the crews involved.

August also saw the Annual Rock the River Boat cruise organised by Clifton Hill Rover Crew.

In September, BC Rovers Gavin Brady participated in the BP Awards presentation at Government House, where five Rovers were presented with the Baden Powell Award by the Governor and State Chief Scout. Rovers again supported the annual Rover Games night at Agoonoree in addition to the many other Rovers who also served as staff.

Approximately 30 Rovers attended this year's "TNT" Test N Tracks moot at Queensland Raceway. Five cars participated on this occasion at this event which is designed to teach Rovers how to drive their Banana Bash vehicles, practice recovery, etc in a non-competitive environment.

There was a strong turn out by Rovers this year at the Wonargo Revue on Rover night; motivated in part by the appearance of the QBRE Deputy Chairman Shaun Sandilands and others in the cast.

Over 50 Rovers from throughout the state attended the annual Christmas Moot held this year in Rockhampton at Seenee Park Campsite.

The Qld Aquatic Rover Moot (QARM) organised this year by Downlands Rover Brad Smith was held at Noosa Sea Scout Campsite. The event included a mix of beach, 4WD and water activities.

Branch Commissioner Gavin Brady also reports attending the Noosa Venture along with several other Rovers to assist with the provision of the boating activities for the weekend.

In mid January the annual National Rover Council meeting was held in Sydney. The Qld delegation comprised Rovers Shaun Sandilands (Delegation leader), Cameron Stanley (Delegate) Sam Caterer (Observer) and BC Rovers Gavin Brady. The meeting discussed Rover training, policies for major events, improved communications, promotions

and ways of supporting Rovers in Northern Territory.

BP Lodge Founders Night was held at the Stones Corner Masonic Centre. QBRE Chairman Phillip Verner delivered the Rover Report and service awards were received by Capalaba, Downlands, Sandgate and Brisbane Inner City Rover Crews.

Back to Basics Moot was held for the first time at Murrenbong Scout Campsite. This new event was organised with strict rules to ensure "traditional" Scouting was observed including bans on any electrical, battery or gas appliances. Modern tents with floors, folding chairs, plastic tables and other camping equipment were also banned.

Roventure 2010 organised by Kate Jeffrey, was a great success with over 140 Venturer's and Rovers attending this year's event at BP Park. Roventure is an activity for Venturer Scouts run by Rovers each year to introduce them to the Rover section. Many crews use the activity as a way of meeting and getting to know members of their local unit. Bash car rides are always a popular part of Roventure; until the cars break-down! The very well maintained dam area up on the side of the hill was also a real hit with the Venturer Scouts!

Management of the Southport Rover Den has greatly improved with a team now assembled to carry out a range of tasks including maintenance and planning for improvements to the property.





Program Support

Development

Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown reports on the activities from the Development Team and reports that all members have taken part in the various activities during the year. The following is a broad summary of activities within the Development Team over the past twelve months. Progress in this portfolio is slow and takes 10 steps forward and 7 steps back.

Reaching Out

Brownsea Island Scout Group

This group has been inactive for approximately 4 years except for Project Commissioner Joe Barrett making contact within the local indigenous community. With the opening of Richlands Scout Group the community members who would have accessed Brownsea Island Group are joining Richlands Group and Project Commissioner Joe Barrett is assisting the new Group establish itself. Brownsea Island Group will be closed.

Agoonoree

Branch Commissioner Michele Johnson Camp Chief for the Agoonoree reports that:

Expression of Interest for the 2010 Agoonoree has been available from Encompass with a good response in most areas

The Executive Committee is aware that the attendance of male scouts at Agoonoree has been an issue over the past few years so special emphasis is being placed on informing Scout Leaders about the camp and the role scouts play in the running of the camp

Most roles have been assigned and team leaders report progress with preparation of their areas of responsibility

The Executive Committee is researching the availability of extra showers and toilets as those on the Kulgun side of the Park are not available to the camp this year.

This year all Troops and activities will need to be located on the front part

of the Park which is posing some interesting scenarios and challenges

This is the 30th Anniversary for Agoonoree which will be celebrated on the Sunday afternoon with an afternoon tea. Sponsors will also be invited to that afternoon tea. The campers will celebrate on the Wednesday night with a dinner on Boys Field and a special Closing Ceremony

The 30th Anniversary Committee would appreciate any names and contact numbers for any former Agoonoree campers so that invitations can be distributed

International

The International Team led by Branch Commissioner– International continues to support the youth and adult sections of the Branch by continuing to provide assistance in all areas of Scouting with an international flavour.

The team consists of the Branch Commissioner Paul Rollason and 5

Branch Advisers and the team is part of the Development Team.

Branch Adviser Susan Rogers has done an extraordinary job over the last six months with a huge increase in participation in the program. Susan handles Pen Pals where her duty is to link Queensland youth members with other international youth members so that an exchange of letters/e-mails can occur to enable our members to communicate with fellow Scouts from all around the world. Since last Branch Council there have been 75 links established which is a 320% increase in participation.

Jamboree of the Air and Jamboree of the Internet activities is coordinated by Branch Advisor Ian Lightbody. This event takes place in October of each year and Ian's role is to promote this event and follow up on various requests. Ian takes great pride in this event. Several amateur radio clubs offered their assistance in 2009 for the event to make it a continued success. All reports indicate that participation in this event continues to grow slightly.





One task of the International Team is to also provide Host Corp services for international Scouting visitors. Branch Advisor Sandra Hemming coordinates the Host Corp team. Sandra has a list of Scouting families and Groups who are willing to host our international visitors when they visit Queensland. Our visitors may stay for 1 or several days or some just wish to attend an activity or meeting night to observe Australian Scouting as they travel around the world. Quite often, Brisbane Scouts have the opportunity to make contact with our international visitors when they are either on holidays or they are enroute to another Scouting event such as a Jamboree. Members who make contact with these international visitors find it very fulfilling and long lasting friendships result. The team is always on the lookout for more people to assist. Taringa Milton Toowong Group has been very generous in helping us assist these guests. The team hopes that other Groups will be more willing to participate in hosting in the future.

Scott Edwards as Branch Adviser for SISEP (Student International Scout Exchange Program) has taken on this role again and has concentrated promoting the program and also getting our exchanges ready for their exchange later this year. We had three Venturer Scouts (Michael See and Brearne Marsh) go to Denmark and one Venturer Scout (Kelsey Reid) go to Japan in December 2009 and January 2010. This was a first for Queensland.

Queensland potentially has 7 inbound exchanges in July 2010 which is a third of the participants coming to Australia. Queensland can be very proud that we could host so many participants. In addition to this Queensland has 4 Venturer Scouts who have applied to go overseas in the 2010/11 program. This increase is largely due to Scott's input and much advertising.

The Team is also responsible for the International Explorers Award (0 awarded this period), attending various Branch meetings (Youth Program Team,

Branch Executive Committee and Branch Council) and the biannual International Commissioners Conference. In addition to this, the Team also assists Queensland members to establish contacts with other Scouting organisations around the world especially when they are travelling to that country and wish to visit local groups.

Assistant Chief Commissioner Development Dennis Brockman reports on his portfolio

Scout Fellowships

Scout Fellowships as at 4 May 2010. The following is a summary of the people involved:

a total of 106 persons;

75 Scout Fellowship Members and 9 Adult Helpers in 7 Scout Fellowships; and another 22 Girl Guides registered as Scout Fellowship Members

Silkwood Scout Group

Dennis Brockman reports on his support for the establishment of the Silkwood Scout Group over the past year at the Steiner School on the Gold Coast. Dennis has been working with the Group Committee to form the Group under fairly difficult circumstances. A new Group Leader has just been appointed and hopefully with support from the School Principal the Group will once more become stable. This Group is currently attached to Branch rather than within the local District. Long term it is hoped that this Group will be welcomed back within the District. Dennis has arranged for the Group to attend Region events to enhance their profile.

Assistant Chief Commissioner Community Development Bryan Brown reports on areas within his portfolio

African Scouts

Regular meetings are held with the African Community and the Branch Adviser Elijah Harari but with changes in the community leadership progress

is very slow. A new Group Committee is currently being formed.

Brisbane First Chinese Scout Group

Bryan reports that the Group is currently very low in numbers as many of the young people have returned home recently with family and or completed their studies and has undergone some internal conflict (race and religion). With the support of the Cathay Assn (the sponsor body), PCYC contacts and Group Leader Wong Chi Kim, Bryan is hopeful the Group will rebuild strongly in the second half of this year.

Scout Reach Lones

Group Leader Di Randerson reports that two Scouts – Catherine Dibbs from Charters Towers and Andrew Parnell, (who spent four months in America from August to December 2009) will be presented with the Scout Medallion this year. These Scouts have had difficulty attending a Leadership Course. At present they are discussing with their parents to decide how they would like to receive the award – in front of the Group (at camp?) or at separate times.

Two Venturer Scouts are working towards the Queen's Scout, and hope to be finished by the end of the year. Numbers in the Group remain around 35 -40 during the past twelve months.

General

Deputy Chief Commissioner Development has attended numerous Branch activities, training courses, Region Commissioner Conference, and external functions in the past twelve months. Outside the Branch and the Development portfolio Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown continues her involvement at World level as a member of a Task Force attached to the Educational Methods Group and as Consultant at Asia Pacific Region level.

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Resources

Murrenbong Campsite

Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen reported that the Murrenbong Campsite Committee began the financial year under review with all committee positions filled.

The same Committee had an excess income over expenditure of \$4,000 the previous financial year.

This result was due in no small way to the dedication and diligence of the small band of volunteers, who were eager to continue in like manner, and to countless hours of care afforded the site.

In April, the Committee advised that the Caretakers, Gary and Anita Kelly, had notified that they would cease duties at Murrenbong in mid July. While the Committee was disappointed to be losing Gary and Anita, the members wished them well and thanked them sincerely for their valued contributions to the Campsite while they were in residence.

Expressions of interest in the Caretaker role were sought in Encompass Newsletter, and by word of mouth within the movement. Subsequently, Graham and Lorna Tevlin were recruited as on site Caretakers / Bookings Officers, and commenced duties in early August. Graham and Lorna have since served the campsite and its Committee in a highly professional manner.

Members of the Committee have been exceptionally busy during the year conducting maintenance actions around the Pack Shelter area, the equipment shed, and around several of the bush campsites. Several major working bees were conducted during the year to carry out tasks that were too large for the resident Caretaker, or individual committee members.

The Committee also prepared pads to facilitate two large poly tanks which were relocated from Baden Powell Park Samford. One of these tanks services the Pack shelter, and is filled from the roof catchment of the machinery shed.

The second tank was installed at the toilet block which services the Water

Activity dam, and is replenished by pump from the dam. Committee members are working steadily at internal road repairs, and regeneration of groundcover at campsites.

In October, Murrenbong Campsite hosted over two hundred youth members for Jota and Joti. The large majority of these youth members camped for the weekend. The machinery shed was fitted out with around twenty computers connected to the internet for JOTI and the Redcliffe Radio Club set up Radio Transceivers and staffed the Jota Base. The Committee in revision, was extremely happy with the camping numbers over the Jota / Joti weekend, and have already commenced planning the event for this year.

In March Operation Butterfly (Scout Section) was held at Murrenbong with large numbers of youth and adults attending.

This Committee also reported that it was addressing the need to replace the current tractor which is used principally for slashing campsites and internal road shoulders. Of late, this tractor has begun to require more and more major repairs due mainly to age.

Brownsea Activity Centre

From Brownsea Activity Centre, Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen reported that the Centre continued to cater for day and overnight activities for members and outside users. Some of the outside users this year were St Paul's School Cadet Unit, a local junior football club, and Sandgate Yacht Club who hired the Centre for a week during their Annual Championships.

Four new Activity Leaders were recruited to the team in April, and were welcome additions to the staff, to assist with the work load on the other Leaders. Until these members complete their training, Qualified Team numbers remain critically low, with the Centre experiencing difficulty staffing some events. Occasionally the Centre needed to request assistance from qualified leaders attached to other Formations.

Half way through the Scouting year, five Leaders were undertaking training, with the hope that completion of their training would reduce the load on the qualified staff. One Leader completed his training to Wood Badge level and is now an appointed Instructor. While that helped staffing somewhat, we are still actively seeking suitable personnel.

During the year, Brownsea hosted many Pack Holidays, three Scout Section Water Activity Target Courses, and three Cub Scout Activity Days. Additionally, the Centre hosted two VET Level 2 Canoe Courses, and a Guides Queensland Kayak Training Course.

Unfortunately a heavily booked Cub Scout Activity Day in mid February was cancelled a few days prior to the weekend due to the anticipated effects of Cyclone Ului. Saturday dawned fairly clear, but a visit to Brownsea, and observation of prevailing strong winds and choppy conditions confirmed the move to cancel was sound. Both Packs who had booked for that activity have moved their booking to later in the 2010 year.

Wonargo Cultural Centre Committee

While the major use of the Wonargo Cultural Centre is for rehearsal and production of the Wonargo Revue, the Committee continued to maintain and improve the Centre, and hire the building out whenever possible to assist with costs. The Committee members by their dedication to their roles ensured financial and personnel support to the Wonargo Revue, during the Rehearsal and Production season. The Committee met the cost of Rehearsal Camps and things of that nature, thus relieving the financial burden on parents.

During the off season of the Revue, the Committee focused on the larger building maintenance and replacement items. However, the Committee numbers dropped during this period, due to the parent support body, rightly, focusing attention back to their home groups.



This Committee was progressing plans for a proposed new toilet block as well as a proposed new Wardrobe building.

The Committee advised that it was extremely comfortable with the attendance figures from the 2009 Wonargo Revue.

In January 2010, Wonargo Revue was attached to Deputy Chief Commissioner Iain Furby's Portfolio, and now reports to him.

Eprapah Campsite

Eprapah Campsite attracted occasional campers, and low numbers of users of the pack shelter.

While camping numbers are not large, the Environmental Education Team held regular courses at Eprapah which contributed to Campsite usage.

Much of the campsite infrastructure is showing signs of age, with board walk decking as well as the occasional post or beam showing signs of decay. Maintenance of the board walks

and buildings is a priority issue while grounds and waterways maintenance is also highly important.

Two members of the Eprapah Fellowship, John Lowe and Keith Anderson have conducted the manual maintenance tasks around the campsite. They are regularly assisted by Community Service workers. John accepted the role of Fellowship Chairman at the Annual General Meeting in 2009.

During the year, repairs were carried out to damage resulting from a break in to Mungara and vandalism to railings on parts of the walkway (one incident) and a roller door on the Bio Lab being smashed (a second incident). There was also storm damage to the roof of the Bio Lab.

Late in 2009, a Management Committee was established with a responsibility to identify possible usage and promotional opportunities for the site, as well as funding possibilities and monitor improvement and development. While they are prominent local

community members the majority of committee members are strangers to the site. A daylight visit to the site was arranged to enable the members to familiarise themselves with facilities and key features.

It is expected that this Committee will soon assume the responsibilities of managing and promoting the site.

Karingal Campsite

Many of the canoes and Kayaks held in the Karingal Water Activities shed were damaged and needing repair. Twelve canoes and eight kayaks were repaired and returned to Karingal. With the canoes that were not damaged, this now caused an overflow of the shed, as well as resulting in more canoes than could reasonably be used at that site.

Baden Powell Park

The dam at Baden Powell Park, which was drained and had the silt and weed excavated late in 2008, was filled to capacity by heavy rain in May and June and now in excellent condition to





support canoeing and rafting activities again. Six Canadian canoes and two kayaks were transferred from Karingal to Baden Powell Park just prior to the 2009 Aagoonoree.

This now allows boating to be conducted at Baden Powell Park again after a break of almost fifteen years where the dam was choked with weed.

Federal Government funded Rainwater Tanks (Campsites)

During the year, Federal Government funded rain water tanks were installed at several Campsites, including Branch controlled Campsites. These were an extension of the Den Tanks program of the previous year. Baden Powell Park (six tanks), Brownsea Activity Centre (five tanks), Eprapah (two tanks), Karingal (four tanks) and Tyamolum (one tank) all received major rainwater storage capacities. After a few glitches where rainwater was connected to hand basins and kitchen sinks, all sites were rectified, and are now compliant with local government regulations.

Under normal weather conditions, and normal usage, none of these campsites should again use town supply to flush toilets.

Resources Portfolio Changes

January 2010 saw the Resources Portfolio joined by members of the Heritage, Specialist Outdoor Activities, Air Activities, Environmental Education, and Youth Activities Teams.

Air Activities

Branch Commissioner Ian McLeary reports that during the last twelve months the Air Activity Team has continued to provide Air Activity Courses for the Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts sections utilizing the facilities provided by the Royal Queensland Aero Club. Without their continued support the Air Activities Team would experience great difficulty in operating.

Unfortunately through the year circumstances have changed and the lecture rooms being used are now

unavailable, but the Team will still be able to operate by using available space in the Hangar building amongst aircraft and other training equipment used by the ATAE Section of RQAC. Since there is no furniture in the new space, some of Air Activities furniture which has been in storage at a couple of suburban dens will need to be recovered in order for activities to be maintained.

For Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Leaders, gliding weekends at Warwick are still provided on request. The courses in the Air Activities calendar are not reaching the maximum numbers that the Air Activity Team considers it can accommodate. There is hope that additional promotions will assist to encourage leaders to take up the challenge and give their youth the opportunity to attend an aeronautical experience. The current economic climate however, must be taken into account along with a realization that we are operating in a special and expensive environment, the Aviation Industry.





During the year, a weekend course was conducted in Bundaberg, the first course outside of Brisbane for a long time. From reports received direct from those that attended, it was a great success as well as a great team building exercise for the Air Activity Team.

Thanks are extended to the Leaders, Pilots and Operations staff for their dedication and support throughout the year, as without their individual contributions the Air Activity Formation would not function.

These people are there for the benefit of our youth, encouraging and assisting where necessary hoping that the youth will depart from each and every course with enthusiasm and excitement in regards to what they can achieve as individuals in the future.

Environmental Education

Branch Commissioner Judy Seymour reported that the Environment Team commenced on the last weekend in January with a camp to prepare material for forthcoming sessions. Two Venturer Scouts from St John's Wood completed their Environmental tape at Epraph. The Cub Scout Leaders'

Workshop was postponed to April due to low booking numbers. Judy also passed on to relevant Groups, information from Brisbane City Council regarding street tree planting in some suburbs.

Heritage

Project Commissioner Allan Newland reported that the Heritage Team has had another busy year.

The Team has continued to provide program ideas and bases, using the Heritage Centre, for a range of activities including , Roventure, being a base for activities during Triple S weekend, providing activities for the Joey Scout Jaunt and assisting with activity bases for the Branch Activity Camps , and Scoutreach Lones. Individual Patrols, Cub Packs, Joey Scout Mobs, Group and District camps have also been catered for during the year with a range of activities involving the Heritage Centre and the Heritage Team.

Scouting memorabilia, and books, continues to be donated and the Heritage Centre display and library continues to expand, space permitting.

The year has seen an increase in Heritage Team members with a number of new volunteers for the Heritage Archival Reference Centre with the members of the Karawa Branch of the Baden-Powell Guild providing assistance at the archive by assisting in the computerisation of the Branch registers, the King and Queen's Scout lists and also identifying photographs and placing them in albums. Valley Branch of the Baden-Powell Guild continues to provide guides at the Heritage Centre once a month on a roster.

The Heritage Archival Reference Centre continues to receive material of an historical nature from a range of sources including Groups and individuals. Request for information have been received from individuals, usually doing family history, Groups researching their history and finding past members for Group celebrations, and members of Branch researching information for presentations.

The Heritage Team was involved in a number of displays at events throughout south east Queensland. They were invited to provide displays and / or material for the following:





An historical display was provided at the Belmont Scout Group as they celebrated their 60th anniversary. A number of past members attended and took part in the activities which included a parade, tree planting by the Chief Commissioner, Maurice Law AM and one of the oldest members, Mrs. Wright, with the help of some of the youth members.

The 3rd October saw Scouting in Gympie celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the district. Heritage Team members were invited to attend. An enjoyable day organised by the Moonga Branch of the BP Guild, with the Gang Show cast putting on a professional show in trying circumstances.

Waingunga Day saw the Heritage Team members manning a base in McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge, for the Cubs who attended. The team was kept busy answering questions from Cubs, Leaders and parents about the various items on display which included scarves, camp shirts, camp blankets, woggles, books and badges. The team also provided activities of an historical nature for the Cubs to participate in. The loan of a marquee from the Brisbane Inner City Rover Crew was appreciated.

Material was supplied for the Scouting Display at the Royal National Show in August.

Bob Cooper presented the Heritage Team and the Queensland Branch with a framed set of 100 one dollar "Scout" coins to commemorate the Centenary of Scouting in Queensland. The coins were obtained directly from the Australian Mint and professionally mounted in a ten by ten pattern with all the arrowheads pointing "North".

Specialist Outdoor Activities

Branch Commissioner, Specialist Outdoor Activities, Russell Davie advises that there has been a good uptake from Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Leaders in undertaking Vocational Education Training (VET) courses in the Specialist Outdoor Activity area within Queensland Branch. Venturer Scouts, in particular, are taking advantage of the

VET courses run through Scouting. VET courses have been offered in abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing, kayaking and common core skills. The courses have been run in such locations as South East Queensland, Blackwater, Townsville and Cairns.

Appointment of Leaders as Guides and Instructors to run these courses has continued, bringing the total number of Guides to 10 abseiling, 1 bushwalking, 13 canoeing and 13 kayaking and the number of Instructors to 17 abseiling, 8 bushwalking, 19 canoeing and 18 kayaking.

Scout Abseilers Badges and Water Activities Target courses have been run by the Guides and Instructors at various locations throughout the State.

These Guides and Instructors are also responsible for coordinating activities for all Sections in the Specialist Outdoor Activity area including abseiling, climbing, challenge ropes, bushwalking, four-wheel driving, pioneering, canoeing, kayaking and sailing.

The Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee has continued to provide technical, policy and administrative support in its various areas of expertise across the Branch and also at a National level.

Youth Activities

Branch Commissioner Kerry Gorman reported the first function of the New Year for the team was a one day working bee at Baden Powell Park Samford. Tasks undertaken were checking and packing equipment in readiness for an Activity Day at Nambour, as well as for a midyear Western Qld trip.

Kerry advised in February that the Youth Activities Team Camp at Samford in March had been cancelled due to extremely low application numbers.

Nambour Group had booked the team to conduct activities at a function in March, but cancelled just prior to the weekend as their acceptances were low.

The Team planned a bike hike in April

for Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rovers. This event was in the Beaudesert / Christmas Creek area.

Kerry and her team are now well advanced in planning a Regions visit from June 12th to June 20th.

The trip will go west to Toowoomba, St George, Charleville, then north to Longreach, and return via Emerald and Rockhampton, conducting activities at each centre before arriving back in Brisbane.

Kerry is seeking recruits to her team to fill vacancies in key areas.

Acknowledgements

All members appointed within the Resources Portfolio join with me in acknowledging the valuable cooperation of our fellow members of the Branch Teams, who afford assistance and advice when approached. Without this valuable support all our jobs would be so much more difficult.

On a personal note, I also acknowledge the loyalty and support afforded my role by my fellow Leaders. I wish to convey my thanks also to all members of the Branch Headquarters staff who always go that extra yard to assist. Without their professional attitude, our tasks as volunteers would be so much more difficult.

Last but certainly not least, I acknowledge the dedication of the large number of personnel, both uniformed and non-uniformed, who contribute countless hours of time and skills, often accompanied by substantial personal resources, to ensure our Campsites, Activity Centres and Specialist Programs continue for the benefit our youth members – our future citizens.

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Major Activities

Deputy Chief Commissioner Major Activities, Pieter Van Der Kamp, reports the past six months have not only been busy but very interesting. After being appointed in November as the Chief Director for the 2013 Jamboree the first task was put together a promotional pack to take to AJ2010

In a period of a few weeks we managed to order promotional shirts, pens, cards, glow sticks and wrist bands. Robyn Devine our Director for Marketing and Communications arranged to have a short promotional DVD put together for the closing Ceremony at AJ2010. We also had support from two members of the Fraser Coast Regional Council during the first few days of the Jamboree.

The promotion at the Jamboree went exceptionally well with plenty of enquiries and many stating that they will attend the 2013 Jamboree. Offers of working or assisting in various areas were also received. The closing Ceremony at AJ2010 gave us the opportunity to advertise further the upcoming Jamboree. With the assistance of our Scouts the Chief accepted the friendship flag from New South Wales, this flag is now displayed in the Executive Room at Qld Branch Headquarters. After this brief Ceremony our Scouts and Leaders at a specific time displayed the green glow sticks, this went off better than we had hoped. The short promo DVD was also shown and was well received.

After the Jamboree and back in the real world the first priority was to select the Directors in the various roles. This proved an interesting task not only were we looking for personnel keen to take on the role but also if that person was in fact the right person. At this stage we have the Directors for Finance, Support Services, Sites and Services, Logistics, Health, Program, Catering and Supply and Marketing and Communications. Recently we also found a volunteer to run the Future Scouts Day.



The Directors have all been quite busy in their specific roles. The Program team have held a six hour session looking at the various Activities and where they can be held. With the amount of ideas that came out of the session we may need to extend the Jamboree. The Sites and Services team have spent several days at the Showgrounds surveying the services throughout the site and looking at the Traffic Management plans. Modern technology in communications has been looked at and all looks positive that there won't be too many cables to be installed. Marketing and Communications have been concentrating on the logo, badge and

other promotional material. The other Directors have been looking at their areas in relationship to staffing, accommodation and gathering information for their Directorate.

The Police Department have thrown their support behind the Jamboree, their involvement will be greatly appreciated. Support by Fire Services and the Ambulance Services are currently being negotiated. An information session was held in Maryborough in May with local Council personnel and other interested parties in attendance. This was a session discussing what a Jamboree is all about, how can they help and how can we help.

The first Jamboree Operations Committee Meeting with Contingent Leaders from the other States will be held in Maryborough at the end of October.

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Training Development

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford reports that the 24th Course for Potential Leaders was held at Gilwell Park Victoria and was extremely successful. The three Assistant Leader Trainers from Queensland participated fully and from feedback received gained immensely from the experience.

The May long weekend once again saw Baden Powell Park extremely busy with over 80 leaders and 12 trainers in residence for the annual combined skills training 2 and 3. The table to the right shows the participation by section. Leaders this year travelled from as far as Roma, Tara and Dalby thanks go to RC Albert Shelly in promoting this combine course.

	Joey Scout	Cub Scout	Scout	Venturer Scout	Leader of Adults
Skills 2	11	13	15	6	19
Skills 3	13	15	22	9	14
Total	24	28	37	15	33

Jean also reports that on the weekend of 16-17 May Queensland Branch hosted the National Training Committee at Baden Powell Park. The weekend was once again extremely busy with many topics on the agenda items included

- Update on Specialist Outdoor Activities
- Venturer Scout Review
- Skills Recognition
- Revised work books for Certificate III and Certificate IV

Approval was gained from the National Training Committee for Queensland and Northern Territory to trial a revised work book for Certificate III, this work book has reduced the number of attachments from 60 down to approximately 20. Jean reports this updated workbook will start to be issued from 1 June and a process will be looked at to transition the requirements of the revised workbooks to any outstanding uncompleted work books to assist Leaders complete their basic training.

Initial feedback from Region Commissioners, Personal Leader Advisers, Training Team Members and new Leaders has been extremely positive. Over the next six to twelve months the completion of these work books will be monitored to see if there is an improved completion rate.

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford reports that as part of the implementation of the Venturer Scout Review, Venturer Scouts who have achieved the new Venturer Scout Award can be awarded a Certificate II in Leadership Support and Certificate II

in Frontline Management for Venturer Scouts. With the issuing of these certificates Venturer Scouts can request the information be recorded on their School Leaving Certificate. This has been promoted as part of the implementation of the review, on training courses and articles have been placed in Encompass and emails sent to all Venturer Scouts. A number of requests have been received for the information kits and have been sent to Youth Members. During the reporting period three completed kits were returned, assessed and three young people have received the above certificates.

Jean also reports the use of skills recognition was identified as part of the 2020 plan and also the National Strategic plan. To support this strategy 40 Leaders were identified as eligible (based on a number of criteria) to be invited to attend a Skills Recognition Wood Badge Course. Nineteen Leaders took up the invitation to attend with all Leaders completing the training day successfully, also as a trial initiative a member of the Training Team have been assigned to each trainee to assist them over the next few months in completing their project and ensuring the evaluations are completed in timely manner.

Also during the period under review a number of changes were put in place with the support of the Region Commissioners these include:

- New Leadership One Training package on line is being trailed by Suncoast Region
- The release of an easy reference guide for Leaders to remove any ambiguity

in relation to what activities they can participate, assist or lead as they progress through the different stages of acceptance and training in the movement.

The approval and release of changes to packaging of course content:

- Leadership Training 1 to be delivered on line with a validation process built in to ensure that a consistent quality product is delivered
- Leadership Training 3 to be increased to 18 hours and will include the technical task which is currently being undertaken as part of Skills 1.
- Skills Training 1 and 2 for Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Leader of Adults will be offered as 2 separate 1 day courses or a combined weekend course
- Skills Training 1 and 2 for Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rovers only to be offered as a weekend course as it is essential that basic camping skills are delivered as part of this course.
- No changes to Skills 3 or Wood Badge
- All course will be required to be completed in sequence

During the period under review five hundred and twenty two leaders undertook basic training courses while a further four hundred and ninety seven Leaders completed advanced training courses, with fifty- six Leaders achieving their Wood Badge.

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Special Duties

Iain began the period under review acting in the role of Leader-in-Charge of North Bundaberg Group whilst it searched for a new Group Leader. This is a Group which is struggling to remain viable and provide a good level of Scouting to its members. It is also the oldest Group in the District which will enable it to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Bundaberg and the surrounding areas of Gin Gin and Childers during the coming year. Preparations are under way to host a Gala Dinner for as many past and present members of the Association as well as a celebration of Scouting activities for all the Youth members of the District.

A short time ago Iain relinquished the position in order to assume the role of acting District Commissioner for Bundaberg District. Iain has observed that there is an air of quiet enthusiasm for Scouting within the District. It faces a number of challenges but continues to provide its Youth Members with a wide range of challenging activities, including a well-organized Soapbox Derby run by Bundaberg South. All Groups within the District have supported a number of community activities such as the local multicultural festival where the Groups assisted with carrying the flags of the various countries represented, the annual Bundy in Bloom march and Australia Day and Anzac Day celebrations. The community is also aware that Scouting continues to play an important role in the development of young people.

The District Association continues to work tirelessly, under the chairmanship of Greg Galletly, for the Movement. They have continued their planning work for the upgrading of Wyper Park and its future development, building on the work already completed by Green Corps during last year. Some consultations have been made and some projects are being considered together with a method for their funding.

Iain has led the Branch's celebration of Founder's Day. Owing to the inclement weather this was held in the downstairs area of Queensland Scout Centre and was attended by over 70 people. The service involved a large number of youth members of the Association, who read the lesson, said some prayers, lit candles and brought in the flags. Some of the members of Gang Show helped us with our singing. Major General John Pearn delivered a tremendously

inspiring address which was much appreciated by all who attended.

Following the Branch celebration, Iain led the Founder's Day Service for Bundaberg District. This was held as a part of the normal Sunday Service in Christ Church, Bundaberg and was well attended by the various Groups within the District and their supporters. What made our celebrations so special this year was the presentation of two Queen Scout awards which occurred following the service. It was a wonderful opportunity for many members of the District to get together and celebrate some of the great achievements which occur in Scouting through the year.

Iain has also provided some resources for some Districts to enable them more easily with various activities relating to spiritual development for their District Training Meetings and Group and Section programmes. The Leaders involved have appreciated these activities and are willing to try them in their Groups.

During the year there was contact made by the newly appointed chaplain of Victoria requesting help with the setting up of a chaplaincy service in that State and Iain has been sharing some ideas and resources with that person.

In our own Branch, Iain has noted that there is a great hesitation by some to help our young people develop prayers particularly for use on Parades. Iain will spend some time over the next few months developing some ideas which may help in this regard.

Iain has continued to write articles for Encompass designed to help the members of the Association work through the Duty to God part of their

programming. Iain has also helped some Districts with their presentation of various activities relating to spiritual development for their District Training Meetings. The Leaders involved have appreciated these activities and are willing to try them in their Groups.

Wonargo Cultural Centre Committee is a small group of enthusiastic people who work well together. They maintain the building and its contents, and are planning replacement facilities. They are in the practice of hiring out the hall to other users. Planning is well under way for a replacement costume storage shed and later, a replacement toilet and ablutions block. Iain has discovered that this committee provides the various people required to hold the Revue. The committee numbers gradually increase as the rehearsal period progresses. Thus, by the time that the Revue is held there are a considerable number of people who form the committee. However, this is short-lived. After the Revue finishes, most return to their home groups, and ongoing tasks fall again to the small permanent band. Income for this committee comes principally from Revue ticket sales as well as hall hire and a few other fund raising activities. The committee funds in total, the production of the Revue.

There have also been a number of ongoing counselling opportunities through the year which Iain has worked through with various members of the Movement.

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Culture

Brisbane Gang Show

The 2009 Season of Brisbane Gang Show was a great success with 104 youth members of the Scout Association and Girl Guide Movement on stage at the Schonell Theatre. Twelve performances were conducted including a Wednesday Matinee.

The degree of media attention for the 2009 Season was substantial with support from Greg Carey of 4BC, the ABC doing its weather report from the Show and with some paid advertising with FM Station 97.3.

I do feel that it is important to express on behalf of Queensland Branch our warmest congratulations to Mr Craig Ray as Executive Director of Brisbane Gang Show and Mr Geoff Doo as Producer of Brisbane Gang Show together with their respective teams and to also say a very sincere thank you for an excellent 58th consecutive season of Brisbane Gang Show. Putting this show together is a tremendous effort by a large number of Scouting people. It gives the Branch the opportunity to host many dignitaries during the season to portray one of the facets of

what Scouting offers to young people. This year many of our dignitaries were attending Brisbane Gang Show for the first time and were amazed that Scouting had the capabilities of staging such a production.

It was also great that our Chief Scout and her husband were able to attend the performance on Tuesday 7 July. It was the first time that Her Excellency had attended a Gang Show and the comments that she made back stage to the Gang certainly indicated her enjoyment of the show.

Marketing & Promotions

Over the past 12 months the Scouts Queensland Marketing Department has been hard at work developing and implementing new marketing strategies as the centenary hype was dying off. The past 12 months saw the Marketing Department implement many new marketing materials such as the pull up vinyl banners and the new designed sectional brochures.

Over the year Scouts Queensland has been seen out in the community by participating in the Queensland Day Celebrations, Anzac Day, University Open Days etc. The biggest display which was conducted was at the Royal Queensland Show (EKKA). The Exhibition Tent saw over 15,000 people visit the tent. This year also saw Scouts added to the EKKA Education trail as well as the Banana Bash vehicles

making an appearance in the night time entertainment.

The last 12 months saw marketing material such as posters, brochures, balloons, stickers and banners made more accessible to groups. Many Groups are taking the opportunity to promote in their local community through stalls and placing advertising material in community hot spots.

The period under review also saw the inaugural World Scout Day Ball. The Ball was a huge success with 240 guests attending the gala event. The event raised almost \$8,000 which was added to the Centenary Project fund. Due to the success of the Ball, preparations have begun for the 2010 Ball which is set to be more glamorous than last year.



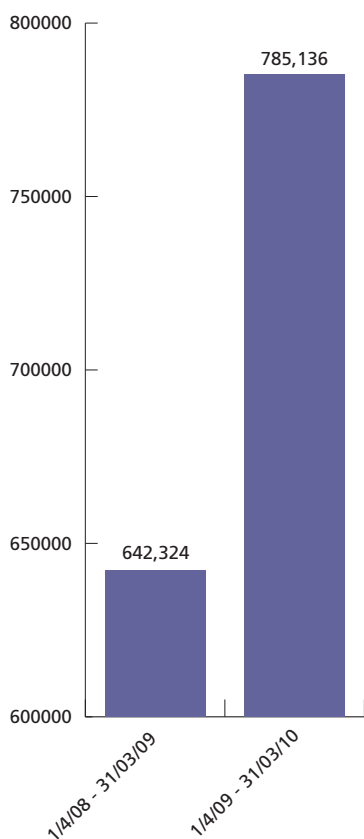
Project Development & Grants

From April 2009 to March 2010 Queensland Branch recorded approximately \$785,136.04 in Grants to Scout Groups around Queensland. The majority of the Grants were awarded from The Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Scouts Queensland would like to thank the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for their contribution to Scouting. The majority of Grants awarded were to assist the Groups with repairs and maintenance to the Den and the upgrade of camping equipment.

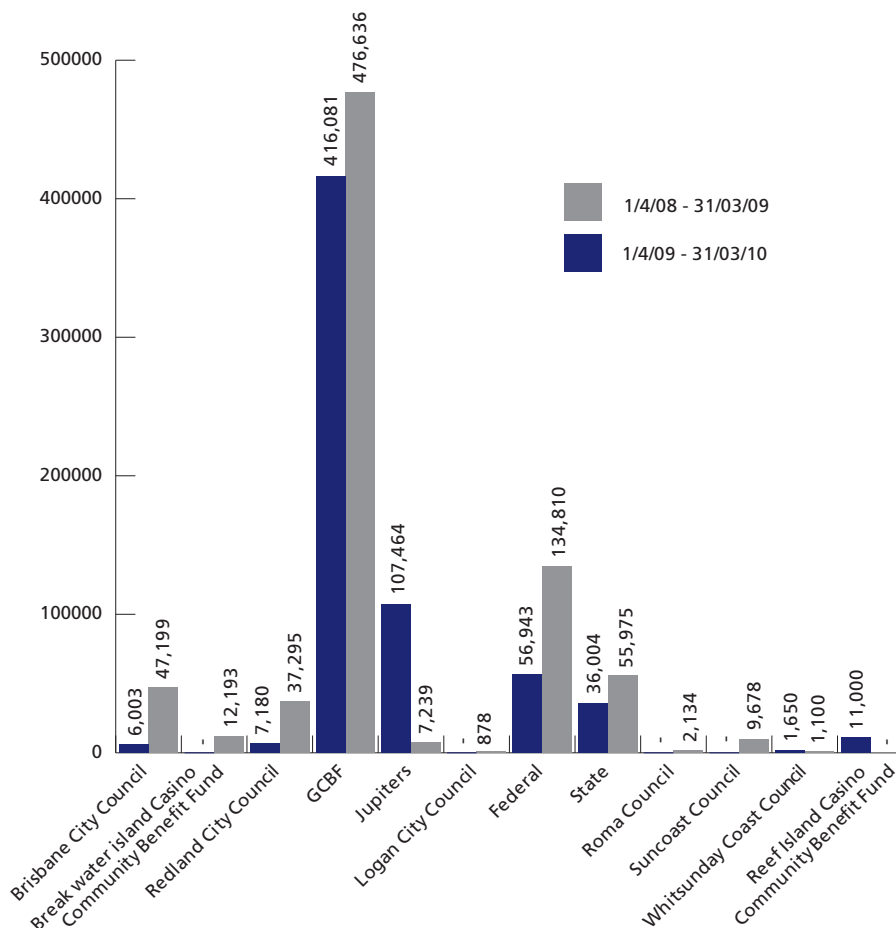
Scouts Queensland over the past year has worked closely with the Region Commissioners in introducing a set of Grant Procedures, including a formation Grant Checklist which can be found on the member's only web site. In the early stages this has proven to be a success with the Region Commissioners able to monitor what Grants are being processed in their Region.

The tables below clearly show a massive improvement by Scout Groups around Queensland from the previous year and it is hoped that the Scout Groups continue to improve on this result as Scouts Queensland hopes to have every Scout Group receive one successful Grant in the upcoming year.

Total Grants received during the 2008 & 2009 Financial Years



Various Grant bodies Scout Groups have received funding from, for the 2008 & 2009 Financial Years





2009 – Awards

Queen's Scout Awards

Alley	Justin	Glennie Heights Scout Group
Babington	Kieran	Glennie Heights Scout Group
Brincat	Joshua	Withcott Scout Group
Dittman	Carl	Glennie Heights Scout Group
Edmondstone	Jaedan	Withcott Scout Group
Girvan	Zachary	Banksia Scout Group
Hillman	Emma	Wishart Chester Scout Group
Jaques	Angela	Warrigal Scout Group
Knipe	Russell	Withcott Scout Group
Mangles	Nicole	Loam Island Scout Group
Marnane	Kerry	Oakleigh Scout Group
Miller	Aymie	Ashmore Scout Group
Payne	Belinda	Shailer Park Scout Group
Roberts	Zoe	Banksia Scout Group
Shelley	Wade	Dalby-Yumborra Scout Group
Smith	Nicole	Glenore Grove
Stone	Minerva	Noosa Sea Scout Group
Watkins	Mark	Mount Bruce Scout Group
Watt	Isabel	Pamphlett Scout Group
Wilkinson	Matthew	Pamphlett Scout Group
Wixted	Nicholas	Mount Bruce Scout Group
Yates	Dustin	Albany Creek Scout Group

Baden Powell Awards

Beelitz	Michael	Silkstone Scout Group
Gibson	Donald	Birkdale Scout Group
Phillips	Petrina	Capalaba Scout Group
Richards	Tammy	Algester Scout Group
Sommerfeld	Amanda	Sunnybank Scout Group

Silver Kangaroo

Corbin OAM	Vincent	Capricorn Region
Thurlby	Robert	Wavell Heights Scout Group

Silver Emu

Hoffmann	Clifford	Capricorn Region
Carr	Elaine	Edge Hill Scout Group
Fleming	Alan	Near North Coast and Country Region
Howell	Jean	Queensland Branch Environmental Education Team
Howlett	Carole	Wide Bay-Burnett Region
Jesshope	Judith	Central and Coastal Region Fellowship
Long	Christine	Queensland Branch Training Team
Marnane	Paul	Oakleigh Scout Group

Silver Koala

Anderson	Ian	The Gap Scout Group
Barford	Jonathan	Western Region
Bates	Mark	Queensland Branch Training Team
Chapman	Trevor	Mareeba Scout Group
Giacometti	Shirlee	Mareeba Scout Group
Hope	Warren	Toohy Forest District
Lyll	Trevor	Kennedy Region
Whitstyles	William	Toohy Forest District
Woodbridge	Sandra	Raceview Scout Group

Distinguished Service Award

Hine	Leonard	Far North Region
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Silver Wattle

Bickhoff	Shane	Far North Region
Blaney	Michael	Bayside Sea Scout Group
Dunne	Patrick	Wynnum Scout Group
Finn	John	Central Western Region
Geddes	Jenette	John Oxley District
Hansen	Howard	Near North Coast and Country Region
Henderson	David	Glennie Heights Scout Group
Johnson	Christopher	Central and Coastal Region
Kajewski	Frank	Murrumba District
Kent	Daniel	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Leeke	Kirby	Stafford Scout Group
Martin	John	Burul Scout Group
Orchard	Scott	The Gap Scout Group
Pattison	Bruce	Moreton Bay District
Pearse	Adrian	Hermit Park Scout Group
Riethmuller	Brian	Rosewood Scout Group
Simpson	Robyn	Upper Mount Gravatt Scout Group
Simpson	Wayne	Enoggera Scout Group
Waldock	David	Moreton Bay District

Outstanding Service Award

Braithwaite OAM	Raymond	Central and Coastal Region
Dodson	Valerie	Wynnum Scout Group
Govan	Marie	Toohy Forest District
Pike	John	Raceview Scout Group
Smith	Graham	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Wakefield	Ian	Toohy Forest District

Silver Arrowhead

Altoft	Robyn	Kennedy Region
Atkinson APM	Robert	Queensland Branch Council
Barker	Allan	St Johns Wood Scout Group
Beohm	Michael	Victoria Point Scout Group
Bowman	Edwin	Kirwan Scout Group
Brandon	Trevor	Toohy Forest District
Campbell-Brown	Stephen	Boondall Scout Group
Cardona	Peter	Nerang Scout Group
Champion JP	Andrew	Suncoast Region
Conroy	Edward	Mareeba Scout Group
Dickenson	Brendon	Sir Leslie Wilson District
Doyle	Sheila	Ravenshoe Scout Group
Giblin	Colleen	Petrie Scout Group
Gough	Pamela	Enoggera Scout Group
Harmsworth	Martin	Wooroolin Scout Group
Hese	Mary	Morningside Scout Group
Hore	David	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Houlihan	Lynette	Warripari Scout Group
Jones	Glynn	Wynnum Scout Group
Kingston	Wayne	Aspley Scout Group
Lansdown	Trevor	Cooroy Scout Group
Mara	Mary	Kennedy Region
Micallef	Michael	Boondall Scout Group
Moretto	Joseph	Mareeba Scout Group
Neal	Colin	Roma Scout Group
Olsen	Christine	Canungra Scout Group
Pearn AO RFD MD	John	Queensland Branch
Plunkett	Michael	Far North Region
Redmond	Mark	Taringa Milton Toowong Scout Group
Reitano	Guiseppe	Boondall Scout Group
Robinson	Peter	Moreton Region
Roder	Jeffrey	Warripari Scout Group
Sailor	Jackson	Northern Peninsula District
Scott	Daryl	Brisbane North Region



Shelley	Albert	Western Region
Smith	Paul	Nerang Scout Group
Whitta	Lachlan	Oakleigh Scout Group
Wren	Sandra	Manly-Lota Scout Group

Certificate Of Merit

Aisthorpe	Jennifer	Kirwan Scout Group
Allen	Simon	Samford Scout Group
Barbarossa	Kristine	Bardon Scout Group
Barnes	Janece	Edge Hill Scout Group
Bartlett	Leigh	Canungra Scout Group
Beer	Karen	Nerang Scout Group
Beikoff-Bray	Belinda	Karana Scout Group
Billeter	Yvonne	Loam Island Scout Group
Boch	Kevin	Pamphlett Sea Scout Group
Brown	Kerry	Petrie Scout Group
Brown	Andrew	Nerang Scout Group
Bull	Gregory	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group
Canfield	Darren	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Christmas	Glen	Blackwater Scout Group
Cooke	Kathleen	Capalaba Scout Group
Coombes	Carly	Samford Scout Group
Cross	Raymond	Central and Coastal Region
Cullen	Kim	Kawana Scout Group
Daley	Deslee	Longreach Scout Group
Dalton	Tania	West Centenary Scout Group
Davison	Rhonda	Oxley Scout Group
Dittman	Brock	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group
Dittman	Louisa	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group
Dufficy	Andrew	Morningside Scout Group
Eastment	Lisa	Pamphlett Sea Scout Group
Ford	Neil	Woodlands Scout Group
Gardiner	Bronwyn	Capalaba Scout Group
Geran	Gina	Queensland Branch
Gleeson	Donna	Alice River Scout Group
Gleeson	Damien	Alice River Scout Group

Gofton	Raymond	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Hall	Andrew	Indooroopilly Scout Group
Hanlon	Simon	Indooroopilly Scout Group
Hawkins	Stephanie	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Hine	Gwendie	Far North Region
Holmes	Matthew	Woodlands Scout Group
Howitt	Rodger	Petrie Scout Group
James	Larry	Atkinson District
Jefford	Cindy	West Centenary Scout Group
Johnston	Ian	Roma Scout Group
Jones	Anne	Morningside Scout Group
Judge	Anthony	Beaver Masters District
Judge	Tracey	Beaver Masters District
Keech	Jason	Kirwan Scout Group
Kelso	Russell	Leichhardt Scout Group
Kneubuhler	Rachel	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Kneubuhler	Stephen	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Kotkamma	Nathan	Oxley Scout Group
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