



**SCOUTS**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
*Queensland Branch Inc.*

# 99th Annual Report 2007/8

Creating a better Queensland for over 100 years



# Fundamentals of Scouting

## 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 members 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

## 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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# Foreword



Scouting encourages young people to require more of themselves; to rise above the ordinary and to inspire others in their citizenship.

Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland

Ms Quentin Bryce, AC

Chief Scout of Queensland

As the Queensland State Chief Scout I want to affirm and promote the values and principles that signify Scouts Australia and its fine traditions of courage, endeavour and service.

Scouting asserts responsibility for the young people in its care in relevant contemporary ways – through leadership training, community engagement, environmental awareness, participation in indigenous communities, and a range of healthy, outdoor activities that build self-esteem and self-reliance.

Scouting encourages young people to require more of themselves; to rise above the ordinary and to inspire others in their citizenship.

I support the nurturing role of Scouts, and I commend its positive and creative responses to the continuing changes in our society, and the needs and expectations of its culturally diverse members.

I express my sincere gratitude and admiration for your immense contribution to young Australians.



# Queensland Branch

## BRANCH CHIEF SCOUT

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC

## CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Mr Maurice J Law, AM

## DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONERS

Mr Des Allen	<i>Resources</i>
Mrs Kirsty Brown, OAM	<i>Development</i>
Ms Jean Clifford	<i>Training Development</i>
Fr Iain Furby	<i>Special Duties</i>

## REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Mr Ian McPhee	<i>Brisbane South Region</i>
Mr Keith Gridley CSM	<i>Brisbane North Region</i>
Mr Stephen Kydd	<i>Capricorn Region</i>
Mr Bob Hodda	<i>Central &amp; Coastal Region</i>
Mr Lance Hodda	<i>Central &amp; Coastal Region</i>
Mr John Finn	<i>Central Western Region</i>
Mr Roy Constantine	<i>Darling Downs Region</i>
Mr Michael Plunkett	<i>Far North Region</i>
Mr Ernie Bunt	<i>Kennedy Region</i>
Mr Mark Cane	<i>Gold Coast Region</i>
Mr Paul Oliver	<i>Logan and Bay Region</i>
Mr Ken Millers	<i>Moreton Region</i>
Mrs Jenny Staddon OAM	<i>North Western Region</i>
Mr Brian Lund	<i>Suncoast Region</i>
Mrs Irma Howell	<i>Near North Coast and Country Region</i>
Mr Albert Shelley	<i>Western Region</i>
Mrs Carole Howlett	<i>Wide Bay-Burnett Region</i>

## ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONERS

Mr Bryan Brown	<i>Community Development</i>
Mr Dennis Brockman	<i>Development</i>
Mr Russell Davie	<i>Program Support</i>

## BRANCH COMMISSIONERS

Ms Michele Johnson	<i>Joey Scouts</i>
Mr John Mills	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
Mrs Robyn Devine	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp	<i>Scouts</i>
Mrs Sue Brandt	<i>Venturer Scouts</i>
Mr Phil McNicol	<i>Venturer Scouts</i>
Mr David Danslow	<i>Rovers</i>
Mr Ian McLeary	<i>Air Activities</i>
Ms Judy Seymour	<i>Environmental Education</i>
Dr Paul Rollason	<i>International</i>
Mr Ross Hunter	<i>Resources</i>
Mrs Melita Goff	<i>Youth Activities</i>

## HONORARY COMMISSIONERS

Mr Hector Coulson  
 Mr Jack Edwards  
 Mrs Nina Higgins  
 Mr Brad Richards  
 Mr Fred Scott OAM  
 Mr Ryan Sodziak  
 Mr Brian Craig

## PROJECT COMMISSIONERS

Mr Joe Barrett  
 Mr Cliff Farmer OAM  
 Mr Kerry Griffin  
 Mr Allan Newland  
 Mrs Michelle Weaver

## STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Maurice J Law, AM



# Branch Council

## **PRESIDENT**

Mr Manfred Cross, AM

## **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Mr Doug Morton

Mr Allan Sherlock, OBE

Mrs Dulcie Turnbull

Sir Bruce Watson KT

The Honourable Glen Williams AO

Professor John Pearn AM RFD MD

## **CHIEF COMMISSIONER**

Mr Maurice J Law, AM

## **HONORARY TREASURER**

Mr Myles Stanley

## **CHAIRMAN BRANCH EXECUTIVE**

The Honourable Glen Williams, AO

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

Mr Cliff Farmer, OAM

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Mr Kel Griffiths OBE

Mrs Anne Stone, OAM

Mr Maurice Law, AM

Mr Bob Waldie

Mr Evan Newton OAM

Mr Ian Clarke

Mrs Elwyn McKee

Mrs Nina Higgins

Mr Guy Hamlyn-Harris

## **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

Ms Gradys Busch

Mr Don Cameron AM

Right Rev Bishop Adrian Charles AM

Mr Arthur Colenso

Mr Pat Comben

Mrs Pat Dryden OAM

Mr Ken Durham

Brigadier Rod Earle

Mr Jack Edwards

Dr Gerald Fitzgerald

Mr Andrew Fraser MP

Mrs Elizabeth Gilchrist AM

Mr Kerry Griffin

Mr Gary Hardgrave

Mr David Hartmann

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

Air Commodore Andrew Kilgour CSC

Rev Dr Stephen Lake

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Ms Judy Magub

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Mr Ross McKinnon

Mr Phil McNicol

Mr Raymond Miles

Mr Wayne Milner

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Mr John Richards

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Ms Cassie Robbins

Mr Ken Schroder

Mr Lawrence Springborg MP

Mr Myles Stanley

Mr Raymond Steward

Dr Robin Sullivan

Mr Royce Voss OAM

Mr Richard Wharton

Mr David Whitman

Mr Ian Wilson

Mr Greg Wood

Mr Bernard Yorke





## REPRESENTATIVES

Deputy Chief Commissioners  
Assistant Chief Commissioners  
Regional Commissioners  
Branch Commissioners  
Project Commissioners  
Honorary Commissioners  
Rover Peter Shield  
*Queensland Branch Rover Council*  
Mr Malcolm Cull  
*Baden-Powell Guild Representative*  
Mrs Elwyn McKee  
*Representative of the Bob Monteith Memorial Fund*

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Mr John Devaney  
*Far North Region*  
Mr John Faircloth  
*Wide Bay-Burnett Region*  
Ms Margaret Barber  
*Central and Coastal Region*  
Mr John Laundon  
*Central Western Region*  
Ms Carmel Priest  
*Brisbane South Region*  
Mr Fred Scott, OAM  
*Brisbane North Region*

Mr Graham Healy  
*Darling Downs Region*  
Mr David Day  
*Gold Coast Region*  
Ms Jennifer Evans  
*Logan & Bay Region*  
Ms Leonie Hegvold  
*Kennedy Region*  
Mr Peter Robinson  
*Moreton Region*  
Mr Ray Jones  
*North Western Region*  
Mr Des Phillips  
*Capricorn Region*  
Mr Ray Steward  
*Near North Coast & Country Region*  
Ms Karen Andrews  
*Western Region*

## 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

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## VICE PRESIDENTS- BRANCH COUNCIL

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Mr Gavin Brady

Ms Frances Brodie

Mr John Hozier

The Rev. Dr Stephen Lake

Mr Phil McNicol

*Chairman - Property  
Committee*

Mr Myles Stanley

Mr Craig Ray

## CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs Kirsty Brown, OAM *Deputy Chief Commissioner*

Fr Iain Furby *Deputy Chief Commissioner*

Mr Des Allen *Deputy Chief Commissioner*

Ms Jean Clifford *Deputy Chief Commissioner*

Mr Dennis Brockman *Assistant Chief Commissioner*

Mr Bryan Brown *Assistant Chief Commissioner*

Mr Russell Davie *Assistant Chief Commissioner*

Dr Paul Rollason *Branch Commissioner*

Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp *Branch Commissioner*

Mr Allan Newland *Project Commissioner*

Mr Paul Oliver

Mr Ken Millers

Mr Ian McPhee

Mr Keith Gridley CSM

*Regional Commissioner*

*Regional Commissioner*

*Regional Commissioner*

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## EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Rover Peter Shield

Mr Malcolm Cull

*QBRC Representative*

*Baden-Powell Guild*

*Representative*

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*Gold Coast Region*

*Logan & Bay Region*

*Kennedy Region*

*Moreton Region*

*North Western Region*

*Capricorn Region*

*Near North Coast &*

*Country Region*

*Western Region*

Ms Karen Andrews





# Branch Executive Chairman's Report

Since the last Council meeting the Executive has been busy and a number of events have occurred which should be reported on.

Meetings of Executive have been well attended and the Movement has benefited from the input from members. Generally decisions have been unanimous which indicates there is overall satisfaction with the way the Movement is functioning at the present time.

There was a deal of consultation between members of Executive and other interested parties about the closure of Air Activities at Archerfield Aerodrome. The owner was demanding terms for any new lease which were well beyond the capacity of the Association to meet. Though we had support from politicians at all levels of Government we had no alternative but to let the site go. It will not be the end of Air Activities and alternative procedures are already in place.

The Executive is mindful of the need to provide for Scouting well into the future and with that in mind an area of land has been purchased near Walloon. That is an area of future growth, particularly with the influx of defence families. It will also cover for the loss of the facilities at Amberley.

Much work has been done on improving facilities at Karingal. It is being used mid-week by community groups and that is helping to defray the cost of necessary work. All the work that was done was set back by two break-ins and steps have now been taken to have someone permanently on site.

A committee is considering how Baden Powell Park can be improved and exploited for the benefit of Scouting.

In the centenary years of Scouting a number of activities are being planned to celebrate the event and raise the profile of Scouting.

The Centenary Project in favour of the Wesley Research Institute is progressing well and a number of events, including a charity golf day, have been planned. A lot needs to be done if the target of \$1 million is to be achieved.

Finance still remains an area of concern, particularly in times of economic hardship for families. We have been able to secure insurance at a modest increase in premium and steps are being taken to reduce the indebtedness of Formations to Branch.

A review of the constitution has commenced and it is hoped to streamline some of the organisation to improve

the delivering of services to members. The computer network is being constantly upgraded to meet member demands. The Scout Shop has performed well and is currently meeting the demands of members.

Members of the Executive have supported the Chief Commissioner in his very demanding role and he is to be congratulated on what has been achieved, particularly in the centenary year.

Many thanks to all members of Executive and in particular Ryan Sodziak, Assistant State Executive Officer, Myles Stanley, the Treasurer and Phil McNicol from the Property Committee, for all the work they have done over the past months.

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





# 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 2008. 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 \$223,908 for the year ended March 2008. Though this is a commendable result for the year which is highlighted by the profit for the year from the Scout Supply Centre amounting to \$123,261, it was offset by recorded losses in other areas such as:

BP Park	\$107 K – primarily due to decrease in usage compared to budget, and increased repairs and maintenance expenses
Karingal	\$35 K – primarily due to an increase in repairs and maintenance expenses

Members will note that retained earnings have decreased by \$182,888. Changes in Equity have been affected by the overall decline in Australian share market values and in particular, the loss of \$213,094 in the market value of the investments since the end of the previous financial year. International Financial Reporting Standards require our investments in equities to be valued at current market value at balance date. The policy of the Association has always been to select quality investments and hold them in the long term. This reporting requirement will see some volatility in the reported value of our share market investments over the term that the shares are held, as fluctuations in value of shares occur. This loss in market value of investments has been transferred to unrealised capital profits reserve at 31 March 2008.

The distributions to reserves from profits amounted to \$406,796 during the year ended 31 March 2008.

## PROPERTY DEMOLITION

During the year, the buildings at the Air Activities Centre at Archerfield were demolished, which resulted in a net loss of \$57,257. The Air Activities Centre has been relocated to rented premises at The Royal Aero Club, Archerfield during the year ended 31 March 2008.

## 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.

## INSURANCE

The Movement insurance requirements are sourced through our current brokers, AON, who were appointed in 2005. This year we again achieved modest reductions in premiums on all policies, but more importantly significant improvement to the deductibles structure for the second year running.

## CASH FLOW BUDGET 2008/2009

The 2008/2009 cash flow budget projects a surplus of \$35,597. The budget is conservative and has been well scrutinised and all costs are contained as far as possible. After significant discussion and comment, the budget has been adopted by the Branch Executive Committee.

We are still in difficult times, with significant shortfalls in traditional revenues corresponding with increasing and expanding demands on those revenues to maintain programs to a standard acceptable to the Chief Commissioner, and vital to the needs of the Movement.

We are continuing with our previously communicated objective which is to stem as far as possible the losses from unprofitable operations and unbudgeted expenses. The longer-term objective is to identify other income streams to meet current shortfalls, and it is part of our strategy to convert under-performing assets of the Association to fund programs, including the 2015 Plan.

It is pleasing to note that the diversification of our income producing assets into the Australian share market continues to provide a solid and increasing income stream.

Collection of outstanding monies from Members and Groups continues to be a focus and some improvements in our outstanding debtors have been made.

Improved inventory management has impacted on our overall stock holding and purchase discounts are being maximised.

## 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, \$685,068 was invested and \$1,337,647 was on loan to Formations for approved development projects. I encourage Groups to take advantage of the facility available through the Fund.

### **GRANTS**

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

During the year, Groups have been successful in securing a total of \$624 K 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. We are also in the process of seeking grants funding assistance for Branch Headquarters.

Mr President and Members of Branch Council, 2008 has again been a challenging year for the Branch and the indications are that the year ahead will be similar. Our plan is substantially unchanged, and to the extent that our resources permit, being to focus on continued improvements in operations in support of the Movement in Queensland, to control our costs, and to enhance existing income streams whilst diversifying and developing 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,  
Branch Executive Honorary Treasurer,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch*

## Chief Commissioner's Report

It is not possible to mention in this report every activity that happens in Scouting in the Queensland Branch in a given year. The following is but a snippet of the hundreds of activities which take place or are mounted by volunteer Leaders and Adults for the benefit of the young people who form the membership of Scouting in Queensland.

### **ROVENTURE**

April saw RoVenture being held at Baden Powell Park. I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend this activity and am further pleased to report that the activity was extremely well organised and run and I believe an ideal way for Rovers to encourage Venturers to progress to the Rover Section.

### **KIWI WOGGLE**

The Easter weekend saw Kiwi Woggle being conducted at the Pomona Show Grounds. This activity continues to be a popular activity and whilst the Kiwi Woggle can only be competed for by people within the original Districts, it now encourages Troops from outside of that District to attend and compete for a separate trophy.

### **BRISBANE SOUTH REGION VENTURE**

The long weekend in May saw just over a hundred Members of the Venturer Scout Section attending the Brisbane South Region Venture. The Venture this year was held at the Tamborine Mountain Show Grounds and had a pirate theme. I attended the activity on Sunday

*Mr Maurice Law, AM  
Chief Commissioner,  
The Scout Association  
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afternoon and witnessed the Pirate Boat Races and the Obstacle course. I also took the opportunity to present Samantha Baker, who had recently progressed to the Venturer Section her Australian Scout Medallion. Branch Adviser Margaret Farrington and her team are to be congratulated for organising this great weekend of activity for Venturer Scouts.

### **AWARDING OF BRONZE WOLF**

In May 2007 we were advised by the Secretary General of the World Scout Bureau that the Bronze Wolf, which is the highest award of World Scouting, has been conferred on Mrs Kirsty Brown OAM. Kirsty is the seventh Australian to be presented with this award, being preceded by Roy Nichols, Bruce Garnsey, Norman Johnson, William Wells, Neil Westway and Geoff Lee. Kirsty is the third female in the world and first Queenslander to be honoured with this award. On behalf of Scouting in Queensland I extend to Kirsty our warmest congratulations as this award recognises the tremendous amount of effort that Kirsty has put into her many positions within Scouting in the Asia Pacific Region.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER**

The Prime Minister in May 2007 made three announcements in relation to the Scout Association. The first of these was an amount of \$17.7 million being given to the Association to allow the Association to have tanks and water saving devices fitted to all its Scout Dens within Australia.

The second announcement was that 2008 would be known as "The Year of the Scout" to commemorate the Centenary of Scouting in Australia.

The third announcement was that we would also have a circulation coin either, a 50c or \$1.00 piece, during 2008 again to assist us in celebrating our Centenary. Subsequent to that announcement being made we have been advised that the circulation coin will be a \$1.00 piece.

### **SCARF UP FOR SCOUTING**

We have continued with the "Scarf Up for Scouting" project and have scarfed up Julie Attwood the Member for Mt Ommaney, Stirling Hinchliffe the Member for Stafford, Kate Jones the Member for Ashgrove and Geoff Wilson the Member for Ferny Grove and Minister for Mines and Energy. In addition to this as part of the Scarf Up for Scouting Program we also presented a scarf to the Deputy Premier who also allowed us to mount a display in the foyer of her office for a period of two weeks.

A display put together by Project Commissioner Allan Newland and our Communications and Marketing Officer

Brad De Luca was also mounted in the foyer of the Executive Building in Brisbane. This display depicted Scouting over the last 100 years and received a large number of comments.

### **QUEENSLAND WEEK**

As a result of an invitation from the Queensland Government we took part in Queensland Week activities at Roma St Parklands. Our involvement included running a number of activities for the young people together with the manning of an information tent which received a large number of enquiries.

### **BRISBANE GANG SHOW**

July saw the opening of the Brisbane Gang Show 2007 season. This saw the Branch hosting 195 guests during the 11 performances of the 56th consecutive season. This show followed the journey of the person joining the Joey Scout Section until such time as they became a Leader in the movement. It was a mixture of snippets from past shows, together with the music of today. To the producer Mr. Geoff Doo and the Executive Director Mr. Brian Craig I extend, on behalf of the Branch, very warm congratulations for an excellent season which I understand sold tickets in excess of expectation.

### **TRIPLE S SCOUT CAMP**

During this time we also saw Triple S Scout Camp being conducted at BP Park with over 700 members in attendance. This activity keeps growing year after year and Branch Commissioner Pieter Van der Kamp and his team are to be congratulated for their efforts in this regard.

### **CENTENARY PARADE**

Many of the Commissioners who contributed to this report have commented in relation to the success of the Centenary Parade and I shall therefore endeavour not to repeat those comments but more so to report on the Parade from a different aspect. I believe the Parade has been a fantastic promotional exercise for Scouting within the Queensland Branch. In the lead up to the Parade I did at least four radio interviews, on the actual day of the Parade I did a further three and since the Parade an additional four interviews have been done. Combine this with articles in the Courier Mail on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday leading up to the Parade, the Saturday of the Parade and in the Sunday Mail then that would be the most promotion of Scouting we have received within the Courier Mail for several years. In addition to this we made the news on every single TV Channel in Brisbane and I understand that there were an additional eighty newspaper articles in the three days following the Parade.



We had the Centenary Banner on the Story Bridge for the week in the lead up to the Parade and the World Scout Flag flying on the Story Bridge for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This was supplemented by twenty-six World Flags being flown at Southbank. These flags were supposed to be flown on the Friday before the Parade, the day of the Parade and on the Sunday following the Parade and were not taken down until the Thursday of the week following the Parade. The newspaper articles and the TV News articles talked about a Parade of five to six thousand young people; the police estimate in relation to the Parade, places the number that took part in the Parade between eight and nine thousand.

This Parade would not have been such a success without the tremendous input from a number of people from the Branch Team. Without detracting from the effort that many people put in, I would also like to place on record a very sincere "Thank You" to Mr David Danslow the Chairman of the Parade Committee and to Mr Brad De Luca our Marketing and Communications Manager.

### **SCOUTING SUNRISE**

This activity which took place on the 1st of August right throughout the world was celebrated in Brisbane at Kangaroo Point, Scout Place, where a group of people gathered for a light breakfast and then, at 8.00am the designated time, reaffirmed their Scout Promise with the twenty-eight million other Scouts throughout the world. Mrs Jenny Danslow took on the responsibility of organising this event as her Woodbadge project and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks for her efforts in this regard.

We took the opportunity on that morning to present both Jenny and David Danslow with their Wood beads and to welcome them into the 1st Gilwell Patrol. We also on that morning invested the Branch Marketing and Communication Manager Mr Brad De Luca as a Member of the Movement with him taking his promise for the first time with Scouts from throughout the world as they reaffirmed their promise.

### **MASONIC LODGE CENTENARY OF SCOUTING CELEBRATION**

At the invitation of the Most Worshipful The Grand Master of Queensland Masonic Lodge, a special service was held in the Masonic Lodge Grand Temple, Ann Street Brisbane, on Sunday the 19th of August during which the Masonic Lodge paid tribute to the contribution Scouting has made to the community over the last one hundred years.

The service put together by a committee, the majority of whom were members of the Masonic Lodge and Scouting, was an

extremely moving ceremony which included Eric Summers portraying BP and delivering Baden-Powell's last message.

### **PAST MEMBERS MORNING TEA**

On Wednesday 22nd of August we saw the Branch Heritage Team, together with a number of past Members of the Movement, gather at the Queensland Scout Centre for a morning tea and the launch of the State History Wall Project.

To mark the commencement of this project I had the honour of unveiling the commencement of the History Wall in the foyer of the Queensland Scout Centre.

The activity was put together by the members of the Branch Heritage Team and it was indeed a shame that the inclement weather possibly deterred a number of our past members from attending.

### **VENTURER COFFEE SHOP**

This Venturer Scout Section activity took place at the Branch Headquarters on several occasions during the year. In August as part of the night's activity they rolled approximately six hundred Centenary Scarves which were on the following Monday delivered to the Brisbane City Council in order that the Council bus drivers could wear these Scarves as part of their uniform during the week in the lead up to the Parade.

### **NIGHTHAWK**

This activity run by Darling Downs Region took place on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th of August 2007. From all reports it was, as usual, a fantastic activity for young people. Numbers once again exceeded expectations and the Scouts and Venturers in attendance met the challenges of this all night activity.

### **DUNWICH SCOUT DEN**

This facility was built when we had a Scout Group meeting on Stradbroke Island. When this Group disbanded the site was taken over by Members of the Rover Section who managed the site for a number of years. Some four years ago the Rover Section advised the Branch that they were unable to continue to manage this site and it was subsequently taken over by the Branch.

It would now appear, although there is still a considerable amount of work to be done, that we will be able to receive a grant to refurbish the buildings on the site and that we will be able to come to a memorandum of understanding with local Groups including the Youth Club and the Indigenous Community to achieve at least a cost neutral situation for the Association. This will also give us a facility should we be able, at some time in the future, to commence a Scout Group once again on Stradbroke Island.



## REGION SEMINARS

During the period under review, along with the Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak, I have conducted Region Seminars in all Regions throughout the Branch.

I believe that these seminars are an integral part of the support which the Branch Headquarters gives to the Regions and they ensure that at least once every year the Chief Commissioner is able to visit the Region meeting as many Leaders of the Movement as possible as the seminars are open to all Leaders and Supporters within the Region to attend.

## SKILLORAMA

Saturday the 1st of September saw this annual activity run by Near North Coast & Country Region take place at the Redcliffe Showgrounds. Whilst the event was well attended numbers were slightly down on the previous year, never the less it was a great day of activities for young people in Scouting. Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts, Michele Johnson, represented me at this function as the Assistant State Executive Officer and I were in North Western Region running a seminar.

## CUB SCOUT EXPO

This activity took place at Baden Powell Park on the weekend of 7-9 September. Whilst numbers at this activity were slightly down on previous years, it was evident from talking to those present that the weekend was extremely worthwhile and as this was the first activity run by the new Branch Commissioner for Cub Scouts, Robyn Devine, it gave her the opportunity to get to know some of the Leaders from within her area of responsibility.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE AWARD PRESENTATION

Sunday the 23rd of September saw the Adult Recognition Awards being presented at Government House. Approximately 180 Leaders were presented with an award by Her Excellency the Governor and Chief Scout of Queensland. This is a larger number than in previous years which has been brought about by a conscious effort to recognise Leader's service to the Movement in this our Centenary year. Baden Powell awardees and Queen's Scout awardees were also presented with their certificates by Her Excellency.

## AGOONOREE

Saturday the 22nd of September, also the start of the 27th Agoonoree, I was pleased to host a Sponsor's Afternoon Tea on Sunday the 23rd of September, which gave the Association the opportunity to thank the many Organisations who gave a donation in support of this year's Agoonoree. Steve Riches is to be congratulated for his efforts of raising \$10,000.00 in donations for this year's activity. Camp Chief

Michele Johnson and her team are to be congratulated for ensuring that this year's activity was such a success.

## SCOUTREACH LONES CAMP

This annual event took place at BP Park commencing on Friday the 28th September. Once again this year Members of Lones Group were joined by some Scouts from the Brisbane metropolitan area as the Lones Group only has the opportunity to get together once a year.

Group Leader Di Randerson believes the camp was a great success and is particularly appreciative of the assistance given to her and the Leaders from the Lones Group by the parents of Lones Scouts.

## ROCHEDALE REVUE

I had the opportunity to attend the Revue which was held at the Butter Factory's Butterbox Theatre at Kingston and must say it is possibly the best Rochedale Revue I have seen for a number of years. The Revue has a comparatively small cast but that did not affect the enthusiasm and excitement that emanated from the stage. The producers and the production team are to be congratulated on what I understand was a great season.

## SCOUTOUT

This annual activity in the Scout Section program took place at Baden Powell Park on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of October. Following a very active day program, dinner was cooked by the Leaders within their various campsites using traditional cooking methods. The weekend was well attended with Leaders taking home lots of program ideas.

## ROVER RANGER REUNION

This reunion took place on Saturday the 20th October and was attended by over 400 past Rovers and Rangers. The evening which was organised by the BP Guild of Queensland was held at the Walter Burnett building at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground and proved to be an excellent night for renewing friendships. Mrs Pat Dryden and her team are to be congratulated for their efforts in organising this event.

## WONARGO REVUE

This annual activity was held again this year with patrons being treated to a great night's entertainment. Producer John Martin and his team once again brought the best out in the cast who understand the value of the many people who work in the backstage area and the important role they play in each and every show.

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The weekend of the 16th, 17th and 18th November saw the Queensland Branch hosting the Operations and National Executive meetings. The Queensland Branch hosted a





BBQ dinner on the Friday evening. It was an informal evening designed to allow the Members of the National Executive to enjoy some Scouting fellowship together. The main topics discussed at the National Executive Meeting were the National Strategic Development Plan with each Branch giving a report as to their progress in relation to this plan, Adults in Scouting, the Federal Government Water Grant and the way in which this Grant was to be managed with the topic that drew the strongest debate being Snowgum in relation to the supply of uniforms and badges to the Association.

### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

On Sunday the 18th November 2007 the combined Rotary Clubs of Mackay held their meeting and a BBQ at Rowallan Park to discuss the ongoing work as well as the projects that are at hand in which the Rotary Clubs will be involved. Assistant Region Commissioner Bob Hodda was guest speaker at the meeting and addressed the members on the history of Rowallan Park. This was followed by a conducted 4WD tour of selected areas of the park. During the meeting the President Mr Michael Buckerige presented both Bob and Margaret with a Paul Harris Fellow Award. In presenting this award the President commented that both Bob and Margaret Hodda have spent a lifetime serving the Youth of Mackay through the Scout Movement.

The Scout Movement is very dear to the Rotary Clubs in Mackay as can be demonstrated by the number of Rotarians on the Region Executive Committee. Bob and Margaret are worthy recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. The Mackay Rotary Club Board selects the recipients of these awards very carefully. The recipients are recognised as outstanding individuals who have provided a lifetime of service to their community with that service being in line with the objects of Rotary.

The Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch congratulates Bob and Margaret and is pleased that their service to the community through Scouting has been recognised in this manner.

### **BOYS TOWN CJP PROGRAM**

This Karingal based program came to an end on Thursday 20th December with the Graduation Ceremony being held at the site.

Whilst there was a considerable amount of work done at the site unfortunately not all projects were able to be completed because time was spent repairing the damage to the office and the Weekend Supervisor's Cottage which had been caused during the break ins.

Notwithstanding this work done at the site has been extremely beneficial and discussions have been held with the Department in relation to further projects during 2008.

### **17TH AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT**

The New Year saw approximately sixty Queensland Rovers in attendance at this activity. The Contingent Leader for the Queensland Contingent was Rover Paul Lappin and he was supported by Deputy Contingent Leader Robert Wagner and the Chairman of the Queensland Branch Rover Executive Committee Rover Peter Shield.

I congratulate them on their Leadership of the Contingent and look forward to seeing their report in the near future.

### **CAMP LUII**

This Venturer Section activity was the first major activity for the Branch in 2008.

This is the second year in succession that this activity has been run and is obviously quiet popular with members of the Venturer Section with in excess of seventy Venturers in attendance at the final dinner on Wednesday 9th January.

### **MATER HOSPITAL/SCOUTS QUEENSLAND OBESITY PROGRAM**

The launch of this program known as the "Koala Program," took place at Kangaroo Point on Saturday 12th January 2008. The launch took the form of an activity day at which Scouts Queensland ran a number of activities under the Leadership of our Community Partnership Officer Mr Michael Beohm.

### **QUEENSLAND POLICE ACADEMY INDUCTION PARADE**

For some twenty years now the Association has presented the Physical Skills Education Award at the Police Academy Induction Parade. At each of these Parades a representative of the Association presents the Award which is very sought after by the Cadets and our involvement is sincerely appreciated by the Commissioner of Police.

### **TRAINING TEAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

This Conference took place at BP Park on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd February 2008. On Saturday evening a special dinner was held to commemorate the Centenary of Scouting in Queensland and a number of past Branch Commissioners for Training and members of the Training Team were present on this occasion.

### **BRANCH TEAM SEMINAR**

This Seminar took place at the Queensland Scout Centre on Tuesday 5th February 2008. Our Guest Speakers for this evening were Adam and Nicole Baden-Clay who were soon to go to Kenya to take up a two year appointment with "Free the Children".

We also took the opportunity on this evening to bring the Branch Team up to speed in relation to Community Partnerships, Marketing and Communication, Grants and our Communications Strategies.



### **CITY OF TOOWOOMBA CIVIC RECEPTION**

This Reception hosted by the Mayor of Toowoomba took place on Wednesday 6th February in the Reception Room at Toowoomba City Council. The Reception was to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in Queensland and the Year of the Scout and during her address the Mayor of Toowoomba congratulated Scouting on the work they do within Local Communities and extended her best wishes for the future.

### **VISIONS CONFERENCE**

This Conference took place at BP Park on the weekend of 8th, 9th and 10th February and was attended by approximately twenty people including some young Leaders and Youth members who were hand picked to attend this Conference. It was a very thought provoking weekend with the Conference going a long way to updating the 2015 Plan. This new plan is not quite finished and a couple of additional meetings will be held to finish the task.

I was pleased that the Chairman of Branch Executive Glen Williams was able to attend the Conference on Saturday afternoon and evening and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Mr Cliff Farmer for his assistance during this weekend.

### **BADEN POWELL LODGE FOUNDER'S NIGHT**

This annual event took place on 13th February and was exceptionally well attended by Members of the Association.

During the evening the Lodge presented a cheque to Mrs Kirsty Brown for the Asia Pacific Region. This cheque represented donations from the Special Centenary Meeting which was held by Grand Lodge and the sale of DVDs of that function.

The Lodge once again took the opportunity to present Service Awards to Rover Crews.

### **QUEENSLAND SCOUT CENTRE OPEN NIGHT/ NEW LEADERS RECEPTION**

This function took place on Thursday 14th February with the New Leaders Reception attended by approximately forty new Leaders who all took the opportunity to spend time talking to the Branch Commissioner for their section and with the Branch Commissioners for the various activities sections. Unfortunately the Scout Centre Open Night did not have as many people attend. This was designed so that members could come in and meet the Office Staff and have the opportunity to sit down and talk with them about any problems which they were experiencing.

### **BRISBANE GANG SHOW WELCOME BBQ AND FIRST REHEARSAL**

Sunday 17th February saw the members of Brisbane Gang Show together with the parents of the cast join in a

Welcome BBQ prior to being introduced to the Executive and Production members of Brisbane Gang Show followed by the first rehearsal.

This marked the commencement of the 57th consecutive session of Brisbane Gang Show which currently has a cast of 115 youth members.

### **BRANCH FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE**

This Service took place at Roma Street Parkland on Saturday 23rd February with the Governor and Chief Scout of Queensland Ms Quentin Bryce AC as our Special Guest.

This Service was led by Deputy Chief Commissioner Iain Furby. The members of Brisbane Gang Show rendered a couple of choral items and Youth members from Oakey Scout Group formed the Flag Party.

Unfortunately the Service was not as well attended as we would have liked but maybe the extremely hot weather conditions had an effect on attendance.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

Three people from the Queensland Branch were this year honoured with an Australia Day Award. Region Commissioner Jenny Staddon, Branch Advisor Darryl Clare and Mr Ivan Cash were all awarded an OAM for their contribution to the Community through the Scout Movement. Jenny and Darryl are well known to most Members while Mr Cash left the Movement a few years ago owing to ill health after having given many years service to the Movement primarily in the Senior Scout and Venturer Scout Section.

### **LAUNCH OF CENTENARY STAMPS**

This Launch took place at the Brisbane GPO on Thursday 19th February 2008 commencing at 10:00am. The Branch Marketing and Communication Manager Mr Brad De Luca and myself represented the Association at this fairly informal Launch which consisted of an inspection of the display and morning tea. A number of people including a visiting Leader from Malaysia wanted their souvenir folders autographed. Mr Trevor Lay the Australia Post Product Manager Retail commented on how pleased they were to be involved in the project and how busy the special counter, which they had set up, had been since it opened at 9:00 that morning.

Teresa Mullin, Australia Post Queensland Communication Manager, also commented on the enormous number of enquires which they had in the lead up to the opening.

### **OPERATION ARCHER**

This Moreton Region activity took place on the weekend of the 8th and 9th March 2008 in the Laidley area. It is an activity primarily for Venturers which is supported by the



Rovers of the Region as a means of encouraging the Venturers to progress to the Rover Section. This year saw over seventy Venturers in attendance. The opening ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Laidley, the Federal Member and the State Member along with Branch Commissioner (Venturer Scouts) Phil McNicol and myself. From all reports it was once again a great activity and Region Advisor Ernie Chesterton is to be congratulated on organising this event once again this year.

### **CENTENARY CAMPS**

As a result of a National Executive decision to get as many Scouts in camp over the Easter Weekend 2008 as possible to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in Australia, camps over the Easter Long Weekend were run in Emerald, Maryborough, BP Park, Allawah, Mount Tambourine Showgrounds and Karingal.

The camp at Maryborough Showgrounds also incorporated the annual Kiwi Woggle. All these camps were promoted as family camps with the members of every section of the Movement being eligible to attend.

Whilst it is difficult to know the numbers who actually attended each of the camps I estimate that approximately 2,500 Youth Members were in attendance.

A number of the Branch Sectional Commissioners visited either one or more of the camps and I was able to spend time at all of the camps with the exception of the camp being run at Emerald.

Unfortunately the Darling Downs Region and Western Region combined camp had to be cancelled because of lack of numbers however we were able to get approximately twenty Youth Members from the Dalby/Roma area down to the camp at Allawah.

The combined camp for Kennedy and Far North Region also had to be cancelled because of the inclement weather that they had been experiencing over the preceding weeks. In Central and Coastal Region because of the number of Community events that were being held over the Easter period it was decided that Scouting would support those Community events instead of holding a Centenary Camp.

### **CENTENARY PROJECT**

As a consequence of the Branch Council unanimously agreeing that in order to have a perpetual memento of the Centenary of Scouting within Queensland we would endeavour to raise \$1 million in support of the Wesley Research Institute. I am now pleased to advise that this project has been vigorously promoted throughout the Branch. A website has been developed to encourage

people to make donations and seek support from their friends and relatives. We are contributing a dollar from each of the "Year of the Scout" badges which we are wearing on our uniform this year and many Formations throughout the Branch are working towards the target of each member raising \$100.

Whilst we are half way through our Centenary Year we have not yet reached the half way mark as far as donations are concerned and I trust that the second half of the year will see substantial movement towards our goal.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The following graphs depict the trend in membership of both youth members and leaders over the last three years.

It is pleasing to note that our youth numbers have continued to increase over these three years. The increases have been in the Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Sections whilst both the Venturer Scout and Rover Sections have declined in numbers.

Whilst there has been a deal of effort, including TV promotion in regard to recruitment, we must not forget that the other important part of the equation is the retention of our current youth members.

The graph in relation to leaders indicate a small reduction in the number of leaders during the period under review however I am pleased to advise that at the date of writing this report the number of leaders within the Branch now exceeds the March 2007 figure. It is interesting to note that the number of leaders in the Venturer Scout Section increased during the period under review and it is hoped that this will subsequently be reflected in the youth members in this section at this time next year.

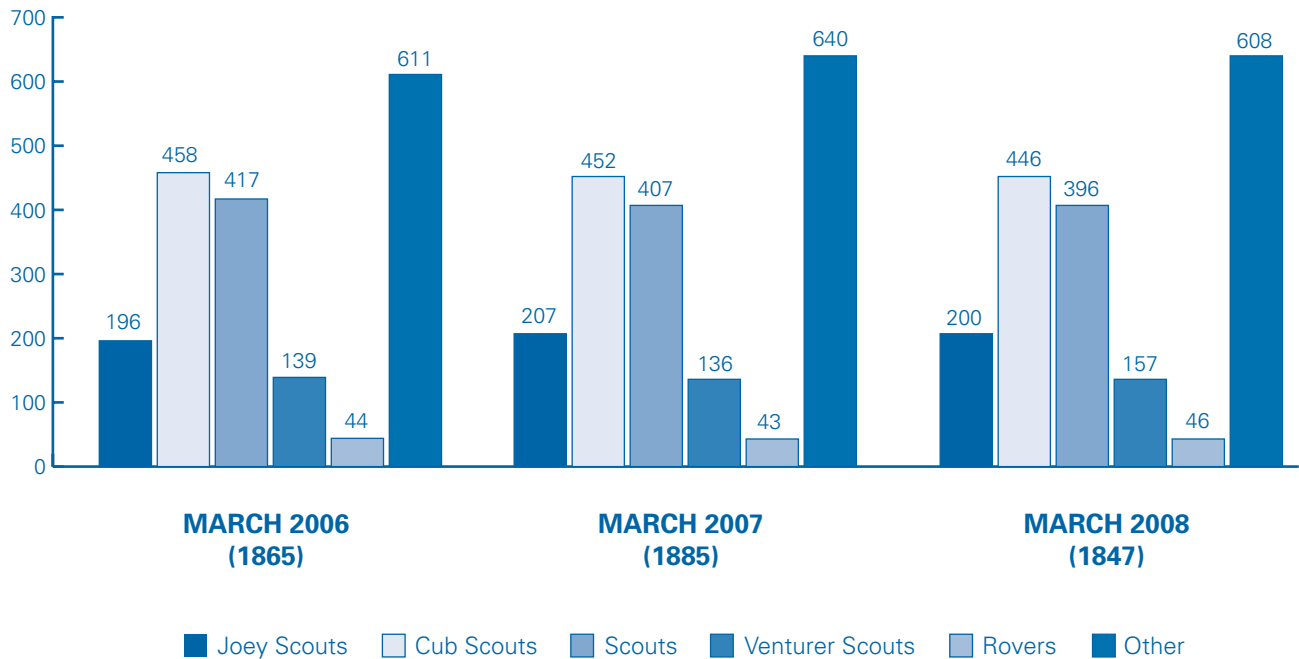
The National Promotion Campaign has also been directed at adults joining the Movement as leaders through TV commercials, newspaper advertising and a series of brochures and I believe we are yet to see the benefits of this campaign.

As I travel the Branch I hear more and more about Groups having Youth Member waiting lists. This I believe is a clear indication that we must continue to vigorously encourage adults to take on leadership roles within the Movement and to promote such a move as being a service to the Community in which they live. It is equally important that we promote the worth of Scouting to the Community, the contribution that Scouting makes to the Community and the benefits to the Community and to the adults who take on leadership responsibilities.

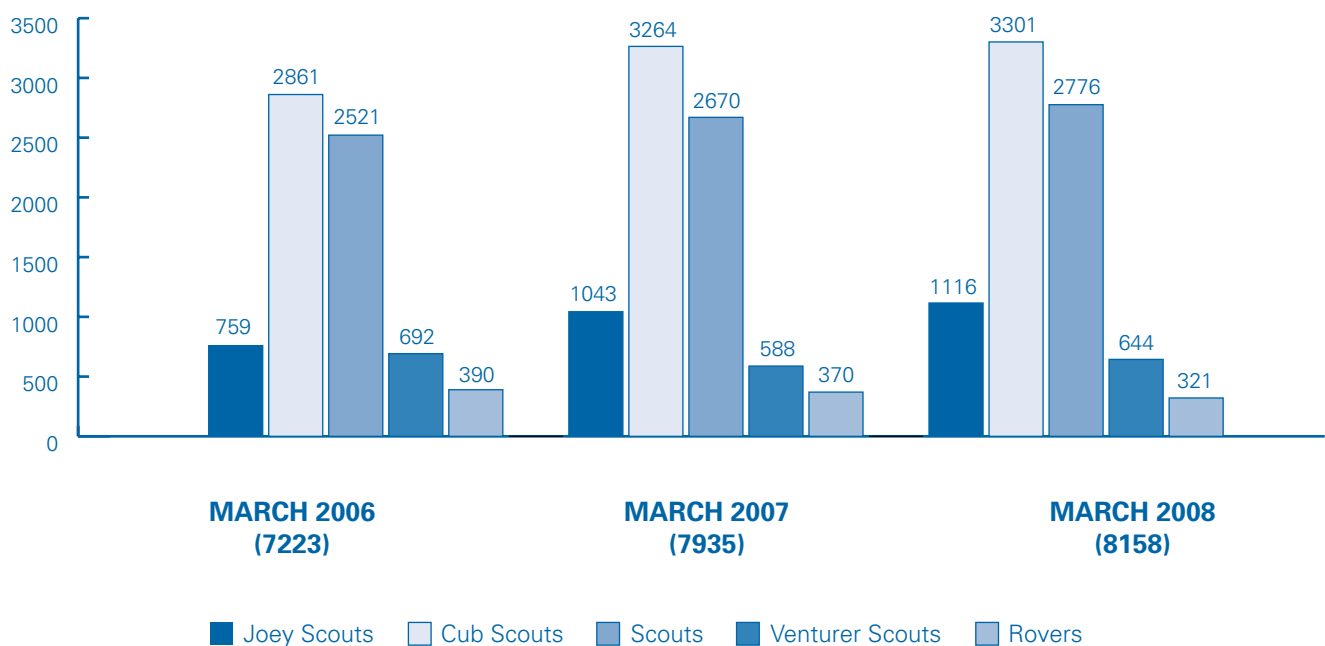




## Leaders by Section



## Youth Members by Section





## THE 2020 PLAN

In 2002 the then Chief Commissioner, in conjunction with his Deputy Chief Commissioners identified the issues confronting Queensland Scouting and prepared a strategic direction document known as "The 2015 Plan". The plan identified five key areas and developed strategies for each of these areas. These areas are Leadership, Program, Image, Resources and Management.

One of the key outcomes of the plan was the introduction of the process of "Chartering of Scout Groups" with a focus on the five areas above which became known as the areas of chartering. The chartering process includes the meeting of Key Performance indicators in each of the Chartering areas and is reviewed on an annual basis prior to rechartering the Group. The process is aimed at improving the quality of Scouting delivered to young people.

In my report to the Branch Council last June I included a review of progress in implementing the 2015 plan. Late last year I also indicated an intention to carry out a major revision of the plan and to extend it to the year 2020.

In preparation for this review a wide ranging consultation process was entered into within the Movement and externally. This was commenced in 2007 and included a series of surveys conducted at Regional Conferences and a further series of Adult Leaders, Youth members and youth and adult non members through the internet.

On 8-10 February I convened a Visions Conference which was attended by 17 participants with a wide range of Scouting experience. The participants included: Executive Committee Members Jennifer Evans and Craig Ray; Deputy Chief Commissioners Iain Furby, Jean Clifford and Des Allen, (Kirsty Brown was unwell); Branch Sectional Commissioners or their representatives Michele Johnson, Robyn Devine, Pieter Van Der Kamp, Paul Marnane and David Danslow; Region Commissioner Ken Millers; District Commissioner Sharyn Cripps; Young Leader Tony Mitchell-Dale; Youth members Michael Beelitz and Tammy Richards; and staff members Brad de Luca and Michael Beohm. The Branch Executive Committee Chairman the Hon. Glen Williams joined the conference for part of the weekend.

I led the conference with the assistance of Vice-President Cliff Farmer and logistic support and conference management was provided by the Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak, Executive Assistant to the Chief Commissioner Linn Pihl and Secretary to the Chief Commissioner Michelle Sodziak.

The conference identified a range of issues impacting on Scouting in the years ahead and over the weekend developed a number of Core Objectives. They carried out a SWOT Analysis and classified the output in terms of the Core Objectives and Areas of Chartering identified in the 2015 Plan.

The group felt strongly that a Vision Statement should be prepared and a draft was developed.

On 27 March further work was undertaken by a sub group of the Conference who produced the Vision, Mission and Core Objectives to be utilized in the Planning Process to be undertaken by all Branch formations. Both at the Visions Conference and the subsequent meeting a strong congruence was identified between the Chartering Areas and the Core Objectives.

It is proposed that the Chartering Areas to be utilized in the 2009 Re-Chartering Process should utilize a revised set of areas fully reflecting the Core Objectives.

The ongoing planning process for the Branch has been commenced. The Branch Program Team has met and from the SWOT Analysis developed a range of issues classified by Core Objectives to be addressed by Formation Plans. The members of the Branch Youth Program Team are currently developing strategies and actions to support the achievement of the core objectives.

The major portion of the Region Commissioners Meeting held on 19-20 April was devoted to the consideration of the outcomes of the Visions Conference, their implementation in the Chartering Process and the initiation of the Regional Formation Planning Process by the development of draft strategies which were identified as being common for all Regions. A timetable for the implementation of the planning process in Regions, Districts and Groups was adopted.

The Deputy Chief Commissioners worked on the development of strategies to be included in the Branch Headquarters Plan and a range of issues were developed which required reference to the Branch Executive Committee for the development of Branch Executive Strategies and Actions to enable the core objectives to be achieved. These will be used as input to the Branch Executive Sub Committee which was formed at the May meeting of the Branch Executive. The Branch Executive has now adopted the following Vision & Mission Statement and Core Objectives as the basis for the 2020 Plan.



## VISION

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

## 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

## CORE OBJECTIVES

TO BE A MOVEMENT WHICH:

is sustainable by having adequate and committed volunteer Leaders and supporting Adults

- is sustainable by having adequate and committed financial and material resources
- delivers a dynamic, exciting and vibrant program
- has increasing Membership of young people with optimal retention
- has increasing participation of young adults in management, leadership and support
- is recognised by the whole community as the leading choice for the development of young people

The last twelve months which has covered part of the celebration of the Centenary of Scouting Worldwide and part of the Australian and Queensland Centenary Celebrations have given us a unique and exciting opportunity to promote and to showcase Scouting to the broader community. During that time I am sure we have all seen the exciting television commercials, the theatre advertising, the newspaper profiles and the bus sides. In addition to this we have had the opportunity of participating in celebrations which have included the Centenary Parade through the streets of Brisbane followed by the activity day at Southbank and the Gang Show/Scout Show in the Piazza, the presentation of the Keys to the City by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane and the Mayor of Bundaberg, Scouting Sunrise which was held at numerous places throughout the Branch and at Kangaroo Point by the Branch Headquarters, the Centenary Camp held at Easter this year and the list goes on.

The Association has also been honoured with 2008 being named the Year of the Scout, the circulation coin, the commemorative coins, the special Centenary stamps and for some of our members the opportunity to be part of the World Jamboree held in the United Kingdom. These things together with the World Centenary Motto of "One World One Promise" whilst moulding us together with a feeling of pride has at the same time enhanced the image of

Scouting within the Queensland community. Whilst these celebrations have been an important part of the last Scouting Year the business of Scouting has continued on many fronts all with the single aim of building upon the legacy given to us by our founder Lord Baden-Powell and developed over the last 100 years by the people who have preceded us in this great Movement.

Mr President, I am privileged to lead several teams of very dedicated and motivated people. I sincerely appreciate the support given to me and the guidance given to the Movement by the team of Deputy Chief Commissioners, the team of Region Commissioners, the team of Branch Commissioners and the many Activity Leaders attached to the Branch Headquarters.

I am also privileged to work with the very dedicated and committed team who provide service to the Movement through the Branch Office. In particular I would like to place on record my thanks to my Executive Assistant Miss Linn Pihl, my Secretary Miss Michelle Sodziak and the Assistant State Executive Officer Mr Ryan Sodziak.

I would also like to place on record my sincere thanks to you Mr President, to the Chairman of the Branch Executive Committee, the Honourable Glen Williams AO, the Branch Treasurer, Mr Myles Stanley, for your friendship, your wise council and your dedication to the ideals of Scouting. I would also like to say a very sincere thank you to Vice President, Mr Cliff Farmer OAM, for the time that he spent assisting with the Visions Conference and the subsequent meetings resulting from that conference.







# Program Operations

## Youth Program

### Joey Scout Section

What a year this has been! Joey Scouts throughout the State have participated in some great activities to celebrate the 100 years of Scouting. It has been a fantastic opportunity for Joey Scouts to interact with other sections and with the community at large.

While involved in all the fun of activities presented to celebrate the Scouting Centenary, Joey Scout Leaders throughout the State have continued to provide fun, exciting, educational programs for the Joey Scouts in their care. The Joey Scout ethos encourages the Joey Scouts to 'Care and Share', to 'Help Other People' and to learn about themselves and their environments.

Joey Scout Leaders have used the Mob Challenges of 'Caring and Sharing', 'Environment', 'Buddy', and 'Adventure' to enrich their programming and offer a wide variety of learning situations for the Joey Scouts. The Promise Challenge, which encourages seven year old Joey Scouts to individually research and learn about Scouting, has continued to offer the older members of the Mob some personal challenges. The Promise Challenge badge that is presented at the completion may be worn into Cub Scouts until the youth member has achieved the Grey Wolf.

Joey Scout Hopalong, a weekend activity for Joey Scout Leaders, was held in November 2007. A wide variety of activities were presented by Branch Commissioner Michele Johnson and Joey Scout leaders from four Regions. Although small in numbers, those present went home with fresh ideas, renewed enthusiasm for their roles and having enjoyed the exchange of ideas with other leaders.

### Cub Scout Section

100 year celebrations were held through out the State from an exciting Hop 'n' Howl District Camp in Far North Region to the Centenary Parade, in Brisbane to name a few.

The Cub Scout team at South Bank provided a variety of successful activities including the launch of the 'The Wolf Maze' - all of which were popular with the Joey, Cub and Scout Members that actively took part in the fun.

Cub Scout Expo was successfully held with Leaders enjoying hands-on activity bases linked to the Cub Scout Award Scheme, teams from Environmental Education and Heritage also provided interesting and varied bases.

John Mills has provided a dedicated transition and mentor partnership to Robyn Devine to ensure a smooth transition in the changeover of personnel.

The Year of the Scout has provided ample opportunity to promote Cub Scouting to the public including the highly successful Easter Centenary Camps. Cub Scouts actively participated in a variety of activities with their families.

New and enthusiastic Leaders are taking up positions in Cub Scouting with Youth Helpers, General and Skills Leadership training course numbers are increasing. According to the latest Census report our Section has increased membership over the last 12 months; retention and motivation are the challenges for the future.

Cub Scouts have actively taken part in Pack holidays, activity camps, special outings, adventurous activities, Pack Councils and District/Region Camps. The dedicated Cub Scout Leaders spend hours preparing active and exciting Programs to encourage and develop the Youth Members.

Cub Scouts are very active members of our Scouting movement and with Packs running successful programs that encourage our Youth Members to link to the Scout Section the future is looking very strong for the next 100 years of Scouting.

### Scout Section

In the Scout Section, Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp is pleased to report a successful year within the Section.

The Triple S Camp was held in the June/July school holidays with 109 Patrols attending. Numbers at the Camp increased again with 742 Scouts and Leaders attending. This was a surprising number as it was after the Jamboree. Scouts and Leaders attended the Brisbane Gang Show as part of the weekend.

The Awardees of the Australian Scout Medallion this year have increased by 30 percent, Pieter reports that 114 medals were presented this year and he has attended a number of these presentations throughout the year.

Scoutout was held at BP Park in October with the theme being "Carry on Camping". Leaders enjoyed the weekend and went home with plenty of ideas. Scoutout was also held in May this year at Barrabadeen, Lake Tinaroo. This was the first time this event has been held outside of Brisbane.

Regions and Districts were busy during the year running their Standards Camps. Many Scouts also attended the



Centenary Camps held throughout the Regions. At one particular Region Scouts utilized the weekend to catch up with their badge work.

Pieter reports it was pleasing to see the large numbers that attended such events as Nighthawk, Butterfly and Kiwi Woggle. Scout Leadership Courses were also well attended during the year.

A large number of Patrols attended the Centenary Parade and most competed in the events held on the day.

The Queensland Contingent Committee for the 22nd Australian Jamboree (to be held at Cataract Scout Park, south of Sydney) have begun preparations to send as many Scouts and Leaders as possible to this Event to be held in January 2010.

Pieter would like to thank the Branch Scout Section Council. This was a busy year for the committee being the Centenary year last year and the year of the Scout this year. Without the dedicated assistants Branch run Activities would struggle to succeed.

## Venturer Scout Section

In late June 2007, the Venturer section conducted Queensland Venture for the third time in recent years at Seeonee Park Scout Campsite outside Rockhampton. Approximately 200 participants took part in activities in and around Rockhampton as well as sailing and scuba diving in the Whitsundays, horse riding, caving, and fun and games on Great Keppel Island. The end of the Venture was also the end of Sue Brandt's term as Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts. Congratulations must go to Sue and her team for all the successes in the Venturer section during the previous three years. New Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts, Phil McNicol, commenced in the role in late July.

The Venturer Scout section has been the subject of a periodic review by National with Sue Brandt representing Queensland's point of view over the course of the review. The plan is to implement the outcome of the review early January 2009.

Venturers have come together for a number of Branch run events during the year, not the least being the various Centenary of Scouting celebration events. It was wonderful to see so many Venturers attend the parade in Brisbane and to hear of Venturer participation in other Centenary celebration events around the state.

In October, twenty-three Venturer section leaders came together at Dunethin Rock Scout Camp & Water Activities Centre for the biennial BRAVSLAC i.e. the Branch Venturer

Scout Leader Activity Course. They gathered to discuss the challenges facing the Venturer section, make new friends, share ideas about how to lead Venturer units and have some fun.

Venturer Unit Management courses have been conducted in the past year at Auchenflower, Mackay, Greenbank, Highfields, Samford, Buderim, and Cairns with approximately 120 Venturers in attendance. Venturer Leadership courses have been conducted at the Gold Coast, Samford and Cairns with approximately 90 Venturers in attendance. In 2008, as in 2007, a week long Camp LU11 was held in January to help Venturers learn some skills and progress with their Queen's Scout Award. The camp again included the Leadership and Unit Management courses as well as parts of the Initiative and Ideals activities, hence the name "LU11". In 2008 a total of 74 Venturers attended at different times, with an average course attendance of 56.

Four Venturers from Mackay have applied during the year to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through Queensland Branch—a licensed operator for this scheme.

## Rover Section

Branch Commissioner David Danslow and the Queensland Branch Rover Executive (QBRE) reported that the Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General meeting was held at Queensland Branch Head Quarters on the 1st of June 2007.

At the AGM the following Rovers were elected to Executive positions: Peter Shield - Chairman of QBRE, Jarrad McDonald - Deputy Chairman, Allison Mew - Secretary, Andrew Moran - Treasurer, Phillip Verner - Training and Development Officer, Shaun Sandilands - Promotions and Services Officer, Daniel Bourman - Communications Officer, Hans Yates - Awards Officer and Jon Naylor - Resources Officer.

Rovers joined in the centenary celebrations on August 4th with the intention to give a powerful display of Rovering to the rest of the Movement and to the general community. An indication of the success of the campaign was the increase in Rover membership in the months following the parade. The Centenary Parade also saw the launch of the 'I Want to be a Rover' campaign, which is aimed at promoting Rovers to the younger members of the movement. This campaign has had considerable success in the months following the parade, with a noticeable increase in awareness of Rovers amongst younger sections.

Queensland Rovers had a tremendous start to the 'Year of the Scout' with the official launch of this momentous event





being held at AussieMoot in Sydney. Paul Lappin and Robert Wagner lead a contingent of more than 60 Rovers and Staff through the 14 days of the Moot and the many activities prepared by the moot committee. AussieMoot was a tremendous success and the Queensland Contingent was more than pleased with their Moot experiences and with the contingent leadership.

Following AussieMoot, Peter Shield and a number of Queensland Rovers took part in the National Rover Council meeting, many of them taking a leading role in discussions and workshops. A great deal of the council's work focused on promoting Rovers in the wider community and promoting a greater understanding of Rovering in the younger sections of the movement. The council also initiated several programmes to promote the 90th anniversary of the Rover section.

Banana Bash 2008 was held over the Australia Day long weekend and was a great success thanks to Geoffrey Clark and his committee. The number of Crews represented at Bash rose again this year as did the number of vehicles competing. Visitor numbers were also significantly higher than at previous events. Media coverage of the event was

significantly improved, with the highlight being coverage on the SBS national evening news.

RoVenture was held at BP Park, Samford from the 4th to the 6th of April, with the main aim of the event being to promote Rovering to the Venturer section. The event was an astonishing success, with attendance numbers (188 Venturers and Rovers) more than double those of last year's event. An amazing range of activities was organised for the participants to engage in and the feed back from the Venturers in attendance was extremely positive.

The 26th of April saw the annual running of St. George's Ball and, as always, the evening was a tremendous success. More than 200 Rovers and their guests attended the ball, almost double the attendance of last year's event. This year the ball was intended as a celebration of 90 years of Rovers and, to mark the occasion, a number of awards for long standing service to Queensland Rovers were presented. A large number of worthy recipients were recognised with the highlight being the presentation of the Rover Service Award to David Danslow.







# Program Support

## Air Activities

This Scouting year has been a challenging and also a frustrating year for all concerned.

We are still providing an activity introducing to a number of our youth the interesting and challenging Aviation Industry, and one does not know where it may lead them.

At the end of March 2008 the 20 year old Air Activity Centre was demolished and one can honestly say that that was the end of a very enjoyable, exciting and rewarding era for all those involved, but life continues.

Due to the cooperation of the Royal Queensland Aero Club, where Air Activities began some 25 plus years ago, we have returned to our original home, as the R. Q. A. C. have opened up their premises to once again accommodate us. With some modifications to our courses, as no overnight accommodation is currently available, we continue to offer to the youth of the organisation the exciting and rewarding Air Activity courses.

At the current time course numbers are lower than desired, but we are operating and hopefully in the not to distant future, we may once again have an independent Air Activity Centre equipped with the latest technology and situated in an area which will not only be to our advantage but with a wider view, incorporate other challenging activities currently not available via the Scout Association.

## Culture

### BRISBANE GANG SHOW

The 2007 Show held at the Schonell Theatre on 29th June 2007 to 7th July 2007 was a great success on a number of different levels, not only from the point of view that it proved to be a great training exercise for the various youth sections of Scouting but also it was a financial success, returning a small profit.

At the end of the 2007 Show we saw the retirement, sadly, of a number of members of the Gang including our Executive Director Mr Brian Craig and a number of the senior cast. The incoming Chairman Mr Craig Ray has expressed that he is very proud of having been offered the opportunity to assist Scouting through Brisbane Gang Show and looks forward to the continued support of Branch Council.

The 2008 season was kicked off with a new Executive.

Cast applications for the 2008 year were very reassuring as so many young people are keen to be part of the Gang. It is great to see so many young people wanting to be part of this wonderful activity which Scouting provides. It is an activity that produces in a fun environment a great degree of training and discipline.

Unfortunately the number of applications was in excess of the number of positions that were available for cast and those individuals were offered other positions within the Show.

The Executive have set a new budget which is the highest budget that has ever been set for a Brisbane Gang Show. We are confident of meeting the target but would appreciate people supporting the Show by buying tickets and coming along and enjoying the experience.

The Executive has driven a number of different agendas to ensure that Brisbane Gang Show becomes a premier event in Scouting. Those agendas include risk management, training for Section Heads and other members of the Gang etc.

## Environmental Education

Environmental education is more and more becoming recognized as an essential part of school curriculums with the result that young people in Scouting have a better understanding of the nature and care of the environment when they come for courses. The flow on effect of this is that the requirements of the award scheme have been able to be raised to a new level of difficulty and achievement. The last year has been busy, with most of the courses held at Erapah and some at Rocky Creek.

The new award 'Water Wise' for the Cub Scout section has been outstandingly popular. In addition to the above, programs have been conducted for 2 Brownie Packs and a church youth group.

Commitments away from Erapah have included presentations at two District Team Meetings, Skillorama, Hopalong and Expo. There have been regular attendances at Branch Commissioners meetings and guest appearances at QBRE meetings, and the Branch Seminar.

Two of the team accompanied The Gap Joey Scouts to Charleville to see the bilbies and may other interesting things. The staff annual camp was held in February this year at Erapah. The guest speaker this time was an authority from the E.P.A. speaking on Bird Migration, Ramsar Sites and the erroneously perceived risks of Asian Flu.

## Heritage

The Heritage Team led by Project Commissioner Allan Newland has continued to provide youth programme support activities for Branch Activity Camps, Agoonoree, Lone Scouts, Triple S, as well as individual Patrols, Cub Packs, Group Camps and District Camps held at Baden-Powell Park Samford.

The Centenary Year celebrations also saw the team providing support for the Albert Lindesay District Centenary Camp at Biggigen, and the Centenary Camp held over



Easter 2008 at Baden Powell-Park. The Scouts Heritage Queensland base at Southbank after the Centenary Parade generated a lot of interest with both members of the movement as well as the general public. The Heritage Section provided material for public displays in Brisbane to highlight the Centenary Year.

The Heritage Centre Guides are kept busy at the Baden-Powell Heritage Centre at Baden-Powell Park, Samford, on Saturday afternoons when the Centre is open to members of the movement and the public. The display at the centre continues to expand as memorabilia is donated and displayed.

August 2007 saw the launch of the Queensland Branch History Wall and the start of the History Wall Challenge to all groups in Queensland.

The Heritage Archival Reference Centre under the guidance of Lesley Hansen, continues to receive and catalogue memorabilia from a range of sources. The centre has also continued to assist sections of the movement as well as individuals and historical groups with information regarding the history of Scouting in Queensland.

A Scouting display has been set up in the Miles Museum due to the efforts of Heritage Team members Irene and Neville Underwood.

## International

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

Branch Advisor David McEvoy handles Pen Pals where his duty is to link Queensland youth members with other international youth members so that an exchange of letters or e-mails can occur to enable our members to communicate with fellow Scouts from all around the world. Since the Centenary Celebrations in August there has been resurgence in the number of Pen Pal requests from within Queensland. This may be due to the increased advertising. Since last Branch Council there have been links with 3 Joey Scout Mobs, 9 Cub Scout Packs and 1 individual, 4 Scout Troops and 8 individuals, and 4 individual Venturers.

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 have offered their assistance in 2008 for the event to make it a continued success.

One task of the International Team is to also provide Host Corps 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 look out for more people to assist. Sandra assisted with accommodating over 200 Scouts as part of the 4th August celebrations in addition the normal requests that we get each month.

Branch Advisor Lorna Rassmussen has several different roles within the Team. One role is to promote International Scouting at various Scouting events. Lorna also writes international programs for Scoutabout to inspire Queensland Leaders to have an international flavour in their programs.

The biggest news in this period is there are two 17 year old Danish Scouts coming to Australia in July 2008 to be a part of SISEP (Student International Scout Exchange Program). Both these Venturers are being hosted by families in Warwick. They will be staying for 6 weeks and attending school at the same time. We hope to have our own members travel internationally on SISEP in 2009.

Branch Advisor Sherie Rollason assists the team in doing general duties in any way she can especially with setting up and manning displays.

The team also writes regular articles ("International Inklings") in Scoutabout and advertises all aspects of the roles of the team as well as providing program ideas.

The team is also responsible for the International Explorers Award (5 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.

## Specialist Outdoor Activities

Assistant Chief Commissioner Program Support, Russell Davie reports that significant progress was made in the introduction of Vocational Education Training in specialist outdoor activities.

During the year 1360 common core, 286 abseiling, 51 bushwalking and 41 canoeing and kayaking Statements of Attainment were issued to Queensland Leaders through the Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT). The statements were the culmination of Skills Recognition Workshops held throughout the State for Leaders who were currently working in the skills area.



As a result of the statements gained 33 abseiling, 2 bushwalking, 17 canoeing and 15 kayaking Guide appointments were able to be made. Instructor appointments numbered; 26 abseiling, 6 bushwalking, 16 canoeing and 15 kayaking. 56 Queensland Leaders were involved in these appointments

Training manuals and workbooks in the abovementioned skills are being prepared by SAIT. To assist SAIT with trialling these new training procedures Queensland Branch commenced running skills courses using the new manuals and workbooks.

In addition the Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee has provided technical and policy support for abseiling, bushwalking, four-wheel driving, pioneering and water-based activities throughout the Branch.

## Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Team has been busy providing support to various events over the last twelve months as well as running a number of events. Support has been provided by

## Development

Kirsty Brown, Deputy Chief Commissioner reports on the activities from the Development Team and reports that all members have taken part in the various World and Australian Centenary activities. This has included Kirsty Brown DCC being guest speaker at a number of centenary events.

## Staples

The STAPLES program uses the Scouting Aim, Principles and Methods to provide a program which the community can utilise for youth at risk. The program allows participants to bond together in unity and develop their self esteem and skills so that participants become empowered to make constructive decisions regarding their life choices.

Following an approach from the Region Commissioner Brisbane South Region and District Commissioner Archer District, the STAPLES team consisting of Project Commissioners Joe Barrett and Michelle Weaver, have been making preliminary plans to start a Scout Group in the Acacia Ridge area. Discussions have been held with Politicians in the local area who have pledged support for the project and offered to assist with the sourcing of funding. The program that was developed for the first STAPLES project (the Brownsea Island Scout Group) is being reviewed in preparation for the commencement of the new Group. The team are currently looking to recruit new people to assist with the delivery of the program in Acacia Ridge. It is planned the program will meet fortnightly for a three hour period.

running activities at events such as: the Centenary Parade, Triple S, Skillorama, Kiwi Woggle. Support has also been provided to a number of individual Groups such as archery for troops and equipment for events being supported by individual groups. A number of the team also attended the Aagoonoree, providing support in various areas of the camp.

The team ran a number of activities during the year including Activity Camps, a bike bungle and Orienteering day to name a few. These activities were well supported and the activities provided were enjoyed not only by the Youth Members but the leaders and support staff who attended as well.

The Youth Activities Team would like to express their appreciation for the support that it receives from other areas of the Branch in helping it run its activities. The Heritage team for opening the heritage centre and the Specialist Outdoor Activities team for providing abseiling, in support of the camps in providing those activities to the attendees and also the Queensland Scout Centre staff who assist with bookings, provision of equipment, use of the scout vehicles etc. The team would not be able to offer such a wide variety of activities and events if not for the support of these people.

In conjunction with the Inala PCYC, Project Commissioner Joe Barrett has started a Didgeridoo Club. The club first met in March and it is hoped that these members will be integrated into the Scout Program in the future.

## Scout Fellowships

Currently there are five scout fellowships with a membership of 35 members.

The Water Activities Scout Fellowship continues to be busy with their monthly activities. Their recent service project was a Clean Up Australia Day activity with the Flinders District Scout Groups that removed rubbish from the Bremer River at Cribb Park. Other activities included a paddle to Coochie Mudlo Island from Victoria Point, North and South Pine River paddles, a sunrise paddle around the Boondall Wetlands, a paddle at Bells Creek, Caloundra, a sail day at Brownsea, an informal skills day at Lake Gaffney, Murrenbong, a visit to St Helena Island and a Christmas Dinner.

The Erapah Scout Fellowship continues with its on-going service to the maintenance of the Erapah Environmental Training Centre. Their service includes maintaining the





boardwalks, weed control, rubbish removal and mulching applied to various areas of the Centre. A successful Junior Bush Poets' Competition was held with 60 people attending. Jack Edwards continues with his woggle making and handed over a cheque for \$1,205 to the scout fellowship. The Redland Bowls Club donated \$1,500 to the scout fellowship for future projects at the Centre.

ACC Community Development Bryan Brown reports on the activities under his portfolio

## Scoutreach Lones

ScoutReach Lones Group Leader Di Randerson reports that ScoutReach Lones has had another successful year, inviting youth members from decentralized regions where groups/sections have closed to join ScoutReach Lones. Membership has remained stable with the Scout and Rover Section growing strongly but membership in the Cub Scout section has declined. 35 youth members from all parts of the state attended this Annual Group Family Camp at BP Park Samford. Parents from seven families attended and provided much needed help and support. The major problem facing the group is funding, a consequence of its widely dispersed membership, and the recent impact of both drought and flood. Recruitment of suitable leaders remains an ongoing problem, the current leadership group is highly experienced but, notably in the older age group.

## Ethnic And Indigenous Scouting

### BRISBANE FIRST CHINESE SCOUT GROUP

The Brisbane First Scout Group has after much discussion with youth members, leaders and families begun delivering their programs weekly instead of fortnightly. The four sections are expanding and providing more challenging activities. There is a greater emphasis on Leader training with a number of leaders completing Basic Level training and at long last achieving their Gilwell Woggles. The Group has also been involved in a number of community events and activities particularly within the Chinese Community within Fortitude Valley such as the Lantern Festival. The Scouts showed off their ability to march and Lion Dance at the Centenary parade last August

### AFRICAN SCOUTS

Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown reports that he had been having numerous meetings with the African community and in particular their spokesperson Elijah Harari. This community would like to commence Scouting as many of the young adults and youth have been in scouting in various countries in Africa. Meetings have been held with a volley ball coach as a method of using the sport

to bring the African community together. Region Commissioner Paul Oliver was involved with this community with Elijah Harari to run a camp for adults at Karingal on the weekend 14 – 16 March 2008 but unfortunately this had to be cancelled as the community could not meet their part of this arrangement. Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown reports that this will be a long slow road working with this community but hopefully one day we will establish a scout group. Many of the young adults are looking first to employment and Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown and Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown have been assisting with suggestions of where to apply etc.

### VIETNAMESE SCOUTS

Unfortunately both Vietnamese Scout Scouts remain closed but rumour has it that Dong Da is preparing to reopen the Group. This is being monitored.

### INDIGENOUS SCOUTING

A number of contacts have been made with a couple of communities within Brisbane. It is hoped that these contacts may come to fruition in the next year and that at next Branch Council we will have something worthwhile to report.

## Special Needs

A number of families have contacted the Development Team regarding placement of their son and or daughter who have a disability within a local Group. Unfortunately we encounter numerous difficulties with local Group Leaders who appear unwilling to trial a placement of the person with a disability. During the next year the Development Team will develop some additional strategies to assist these groups come to grips with the unknown fears that have about these placements. A request will be made to the Training Department to encourage Leaders to attend the training that is available for Leaders working with people with disabilities and to encourage more Leaders to find out more about the Agoonoree.

## General

Outside the Development portfolio DCC Kirsty Brown continues her involvement at World and Asia Pacific Region level and was presented with her Bronze Wolf Award in Tokyo last October.

*Kirsty Brown, OAM  
Deputy Chief Commissioner,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch*



## Resources

The Resources Portfolio is responsible for co-ordination of Branch controlled facilities which are generally sited in the metropolitan and near metropolitan Regions. Support and advice is also afforded when requested, to Region Commissioners throughout the Branch.

Most of our campsites are maintained by small but dedicated bands of volunteers who work tirelessly on shoe string budgets. In most cases, their driving incentive is love of their site, and the knowledge that our members have available safe facilities.

Early in the Financial Year, Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen visited Mackay and Bowen and while there took the opportunity to visit local Scout Dens as well as Rowellan Park Campsite at Mackay.

During Easter 2008, Des visited Aldershot Campsite at Maryborough where a violent wind storm had come through a few weeks earlier, and caused structural damage to the caretaker's cottage and a couple of minor facilities. Of significance however was the severe damage caused to the majority of trees on the site.

At least seventy five percent (75%) of the trees in the park had some limb damage, with twenty percent suffering significant damage. Both roads into the site were cut by fallen trees, which required many hours labour by local volunteers to clear enough to gain access. Some assistance was afforded early in the piece by Hervey Bay City Council prior to the Council amalgamations. Department of Natural Resources staff also afforded assistance for a short time. Assistance afforded by both these bodies was sincerely appreciated by our local members.

The clean up continued for many weeks, with a dedicated few District and Region Staff continuing to work several days each week, cutting logs and snigging them away from campsites and facilities.

The small band of members who dedicated so many hours at Aldershot are typical of Scouting Volunteers throughout the state who continue year after year to work so hard to maintain the integrity and continued operation of Scouting facilities.

Without this band our youth operations would be severely curtailed.

From a Branch controlled resources view, it was disappointing to be forced by circumstances to relinquish our lease over the Air Activities Centre site at Archerfield Airport. All movable equipment was recovered along with

the minor buildings. One transportable building was located temporarily to Baden Powell Park at Samford, and most of the recovered movable equipment is currently stored in this building. The equipment will be dispersed, with the building further relocated.

A second demountable building from the Archerfield Site as well as a steel shed, were disposed of. Sadly the main building had to be demolished.

Air Activities Courses are currently conducted at Royal Queensland Aero Club. The Club has leased to us, usage of part of its facilities at Archerfield Airfield.

Early in the year, we welcomed on board Paul Oliver as Campsite Manager at Karingal Campsite, Mt. Cotton, and it has been heartening to witness a trend of increased usage. The Campsite benefited when Paul negotiated a work program by Boystown where facilities were further improved. The facility attracts regular bookings from the Queensland Ambulance Service, a Laser Skirmish company, as well as school, church and army cadet groups. Under Paul's management, we look forward to further increased usage of Karingal with a resultant higher financial return.

Erapah Environmental Campsite at Redland Bay continues to benefit from the maintenance efforts of a small Site Committee. This committee is staffed from membership of the Friends of Erapah Scout Fellowship. While camping as well as Pack Shelter usage of Erapah is relatively small, some environmental education courses are held.

Victoria Point Scout Group is established on part of the site, and investigations continue with a view to establishing some form of commercial return for underutilised part or parts of the property.

Tyamolum Campsite near Mt. Crosby is maintained by a small committee formed from members of Tyakunda District. This site attracts limited numbers of campers and Pack Shelter users, but a small income from an Extractive Industries Company which passes over a perimeter of the site to access its adjacent property, helps with outgoing costs.

Murrenbong Campsite at Petrie is maintained by a small committee of volunteers assisted by a resident caretaker.





Murrenbong attracts regular patronage from our members and Guides with bush camping and pack shelter use, as well as from outside users such as schools, army cadets, Laser Skirmish, and a Mountain Bike Club.

During the year, the Campsite was the recipient of a Gaming Machine Grant to build an Equipment Storage and Maintenance Shed.

Brownsea Water Activities Centre at Shorncliffe continues to provide an exciting and challenging water activities program. The centre is staffed by a small band of volunteer Activity Leaders who also back up as the Site Committee to maintain facilities and water craft.

Wonargo Cultural Centre at Virginia is maintained year round by a small band of volunteers who are joined for the rehearsal and performance period of Wonargo Revue by additional volunteers who are usually parents and carers of Cast members. Outside Revue season, the Cultural Centre attracts some usage from dance and minor cultural groups. The Centre Committee funds the annual Wonargo Revue, as well as building maintenance and improvements.

Baden Powell Park at Samford hosts a majority of Leader Training Courses as well as major Branch events. Additionally, the site attracts camping and Pack Shelter usage from

Scouting and Guiding. Other users consist of schools and other youth groups as well as regular commercial bookings of the abseiling tower and swimming pool. We were approached several months ago by a mountain bike club with a view to regular bookings, but several attempts to follow this up have resulted in no response.

Attempts throughout the year to form a Baden Powell Park Site Committee have so far proved unsuccessful, but efforts will continue.

In summary, the Branch maintains several campsites and activity centres, in close proximity to Brisbane. Some of these sites generate enough income to meet outgoings, while others cost a lot more to maintain than the income they generate.

Regular review is conducted with a view to keeping costs of Resources within reason.

I pay tribute to all volunteers within our movement, and on this occasion, more particularly to those dedicated volunteers who work often unseen to maintain our Resources.

***Mr Des Allen,  
Deputy Chief Commissioner,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch***







# Training Development

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford reports that the Training Development Team has had been extremely busy year under review.

Jean reports the 23rd Course for potential Leader Trainers held at Gilwell Park Victoria over Easter 2007 was extremely successful. The four Queensland Training Team members who attended participated fully in the course and gained some valuable experiences.

Jean attend the National Training Committee Meeting held at Gilwell Park in Victoria in April 2007. Major agenda items discussed during the meeting:

- Review of Scout Institute of Training Business Plan
- Changes that are occurring with the Business (Front Line Management) qualification and potential impacts on SAIT.
- Review of Training Electives

Branch Advisor Darryl Clare has established a Training Team website which holds all training material used on Queensland courses, the site is getting good usage and has been well worth the effort in its development.

The May long weekend saw over 80 Leaders undertaking training at both Skills 2 and 3 level. This is the 3rd year the courses has been run and once again was extremely popular with Leaders travelling from Cairns, Bowen and the south east corner.

On August 4th many Training Team Members joined in the Centenary celebrations both in the Parade and later working on the training team base. The team took the opportunity to collect as many names of past Leaders who had completed their Wood Badge Training. This will enable them to be contacted to promote attendance at the Centenary Gilwell Reunion. Jean also reports that five Group Leaders received their Wood Badges as part of the Ceremony. These Leaders attended the first Wood Badge Course held in the Centenary Year.

The northern members of the Training Team held a mid year conference which allowed work to commence writing two Wood Badge Modules one on Communication and the other on Scouting History. The balance of the weekend was spent in a workshop allowing the team to upgrade their Certificate IV qualification.

Jean reports over the Christmas break work was undertaken to combine the content of the Leadership 2 Field Day with the Skills 1 course. The Skills 1 course will run over 2 days,

allowing the Scout and Venturing Scout Courses to undertake camping skills and also making all courses far more practical.

During the period under review the following qualifications have been issued. It is pleasing to see an increase on the prior twelve months.

Qualifications issued	2006/2007	2007/2008
Certificate III	31	72
Certificate IV	15	22
Diploma		1
Diploma Units		11

Congratulations is also extended to Leader Trainers Jenny Staddon and Darryl Clare who were honoured in the Australia Day Awards with both trainers being awarded the Medal (OAM) General Division.

*Mr Jean Clifford,  
Deputy Chief Commissioner,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch*





## Special Duties

Deputy Chief Commissioner Special Duties Fr Iain Furby has continued his involvement with Bundaberg District as PLA to District Commissioner, Greg Galletly. Greg has continued to settle in to his role in Bundaberg and has become a real asset to the District.

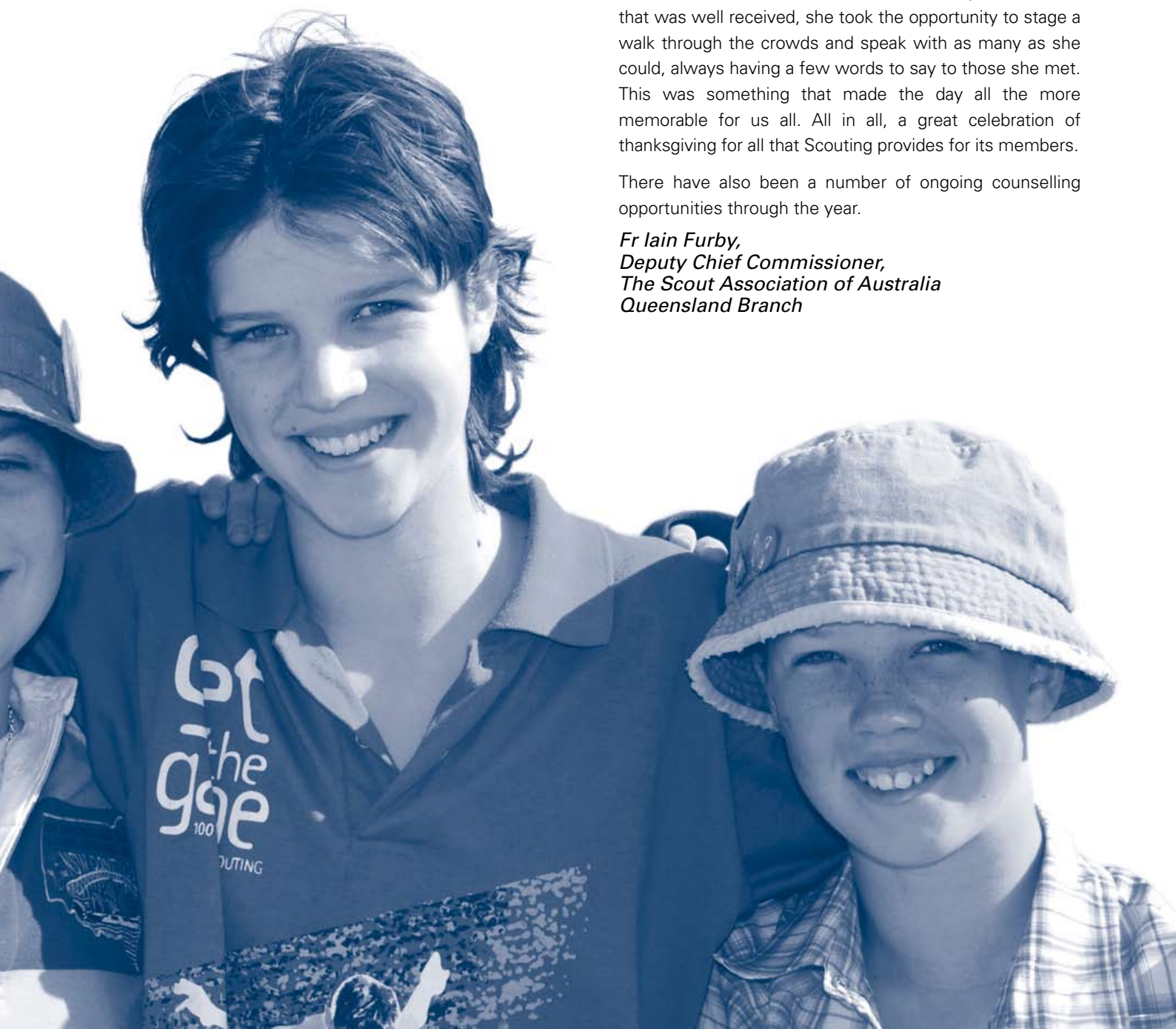
The Roma Street Parklands amphitheatre was the venue for the Branch celebrations of Founder's Day in the Centenary of Scouting in Queensland this year on what was an extraordinarily hot day. However, together with our State Chief Scout, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, we had the opportunity to reflect on the words of the last public

speech of our Founder, listen to members of the cast of the Gang Show singing, reading from Scripture, singing our Scout Hymn and re-affirming our Scout Promise.

A number of Youth Members took part in the celebrations and our State Chief Scout delivered an inspiring address. Those who attended were in for another surprise, and one that was well received, she took the opportunity to stage a walk through the crowds and speak with as many as she could, always having a few words to say to those she met. This was something that made the day all the more memorable for us all. All in all, a great celebration of thanksgiving for all that Scouting provides for its members.

There have also been a number of ongoing counselling opportunities through the year.

*Fr Iain Furby,  
Deputy Chief Commissioner,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch*







## Scouting In Isolated Indigenous Communities Program

In Queensland, the Nationally funded, Scouting in Isolated Indigenous Communities Program operates with Cliff Farmer as Project Manager and Project Officers Glynis Williams and Bryan Brown.

The program has expanded during the year with the appointment of Glynis Williams as a second Project Officer. Glynis is working in the Western Cape Region with the original Group, Napranum and a second Group in Mapoon while Bryan is concentrating on the Northern Peninsula Area of Cape York.

The Napranum group operates out of the PCYC managed Youth Centre and the Mapoon Group is based in the community hall with volunteer leadership, both Groups are developing steadily.

Glynis Williams has conducted a number of successful training camps, with both Adult Leaders and Youth attending. This is progressing the Leader training and providing the leaders with hands on experience in developing and running Youth programs.

The Scout Groups in the Northern Peninsula Area are Seisia, New Mapoon, Bamaga, Umagico and Injino. These Groups operate out of the Sport and Recreation and Out of School Hours Care buildings in the various communities.

The amalgamation of the five Northern Peninsula Shire Councils into one council for the region has impacted on the programs for young people in the communities and Scouting is adapting to the new arrangements.

The Seisia Group, which is community based and has a Group Committee to support its operations, has continued through the transition while the others have suffered some disruption.

Total membership in the seven groups at 31 March was 138 Youth members and 36 Leaders.

The program has, as its first priority, to maintain Scouting in the Groups established in the pilot program and then to expand the program into new areas. To meet this requirement several visits have been made to Thursday Island and with the support of the Torres Shire Mayor, Pedro Stephen (a scout in the 1960's) and the community, Scouting will recommence soon. Scouting has been part of this community for periods of time dating from the early 1930's.

The Project Officers Glynis Williams and Bryan Brown travel regularly to the communities to provide training for Leaders and programming support for the Youth members.

The project team actively participates in a number of networks, and contacts are maintained with the Indigenous Coordinating Centre, Police Citizens Youth Club Organisation, and Sport and Recreation Department, Health and other Government Departments and other organisations working with young people in the Cape York communities.

**Mr Bryan Brown,  
Project Officer,  
The Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch**







# Awards (Announced 1 August 2007)

## Queen's Scout Awards

Henry Coates	Sherwood
Tamara Delorenzi	Mount Isa
Christopher Harman	Parkwood
Zoe Keane	2nd Toowoomba
Trent Lyon	Sherwood
Amy Osmond	Woodford

## Baden Powell Awards

Timothy McIlwain	Capalaba
Rebecca Edwards	Lawnton
Rebecca Townsend	Lawnton
Michael Luetchford	Rosewood
Michelle Price	Algester

## Silver Kangaroo

Betty Handley OAM	North Western Region
Irma Howell	Near North Coast and Country Region
Jennifer Staddon OAM	North Western Region
Dennis Tuckerman	Central and Coastal Region

## National President's Award

Vince Littleford	Moreton Region
Anne Stone OAM	Friends Of Eprapah Scout Fellowship

## Silver Emu

Lindsay Bone	Central Western Region
Joy Coulson	Suncoast Region
Christine Cumpsty	Moreton Bay District
Melita Goff	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Dawn Haines	Millchester Scout Group
Ian Heath	Taringa-Milton-Toowong
Ronald Howlett	Maryborough West Scout Group
Kay Johnson	Gold Coast Dolphin District
Beverley Kerkhoffs	North Western Region
Brian Lund	Suncoast Region
Margaret Wilson	Gracemere Scout Group
Chi-Kim Wong	Brisbane First Chinese Scout Group

## Silver Koala

Helen Cotter	Kennedy Region
Ian Fellows	Dolphin Sea Scout Group
Lesley Hansen	Wavell Heights Scout Group
Ken Jones	Scoutreach Lones
Robert Morrison	Queensland Branch Headquarters

Karen Saunders	Mount Isa Scout Group
Joanne Smith	Woombye Scout Group
Neil Tivendale	Cunungra Scout Group
Tom Wood	Moreton Region

## Distinguished Service Award

Ivy Bridges	Crows Nest Scout Group
Beverly Fellows	Dolphin Sea Scout Group
John Harrison	Scouts Heritage Queensland
John Lowe	Friends Of Eprapah Scout Fellowship
Donna Milgate	Taylor Range District
Susan Palmer	Longreach Scout Group
Bob Pointing	Beaver Masters District

## Silver Wattle

Timothy Beard	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Elizabeth Burton	Hervey Bay Sea Scout Group
Ian Cole	Flinders District
Bruce Gilbert	Moreton Bay District
William Haselden	Woombye Scout Group
John Hill	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Stephen Hill	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Harold Hopper	Darling Downs Region
Irene James	Atkinson District
Gai Johnston	Beaudesert Scout Group
Michael Jones	Wynnum Scout Group
Peter Kenny	Burnside Scout Group
Trevor O'Hara	Bramble Bay District
Dianne Pauling	Wynnum Scout Group
Shirley Richards	Algester Scout Group
Trevor Taylor	Bramble Bay District
Gerrit Teunissen	Goodna Scout Group
Peter Thompson	Darling Downs Region
Darryn Tracey	Dysart Scout Group
Richard Travers	Crows Nest Scout Group
Peter Williams	Glendale Scout Group
Bruce Willis	Oakleigh Scout Group
Ryan Sodziak	Queensland Branch Headquarters

## Outstanding Service Award

Marina Hertrick	Gold Coast Pelican District
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## Silver Arrowhead

Sue Ackerly	Springsure Scout Group
Robert Alexander	St Johns Wood Scout Group



Debra Auchterlonie	Highfields Scout Group
Allison Baden-Clay	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Gerard Baden-Clay	Oxley Scout Group
Julie Baker	Ashmore Scout Group
Neale Baker	Ashmore Scout Group
Pamela Baker	Ashmore Scout Group
Anthony Barker	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Lee Barker	Wooroolin Scout Group
Vicki Barker	2nd Nambour Scout Group
Peter Bartholomeusz	Bracken Ridge Scout Group
Jane Bartholomew	Narangba Scout Group
Philip Batten	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Brian Beasley	Petrie Scout Group
Raelene Beazley	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Chris Beecham	Taringa-Milton-Toowong
Isobel Bell	Suncoast Region
Brent Bennett	Albany Creek Scout Group
Garry Bennett	Albany Creek Scout Group
Paul Berry	Dolphin Sea Scout Scout Group
Andrea Bianchi	Glenvale Scout Group
Gay Binnie	Tolga Sea Scout Scout Group
Lionel Bishop	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Iain Blain	Imbil Mary Valley Scout Group
Janette Blaney	Bayside Sea Scout Scout Group
Barry Booth	Rockhampton District
Lynette Booth	Rockhampton District
Michael Bowkett	Sunnybank Scout Group
Cheryl Bowles	Grovely Scout Group
Monica Bowling	Bowen Scout Group
Lorraine Bowman	Nerang Scout Group
Leanne Bredin	Albany Creek Scout Group
Trevor Brosnan	Buderim Scout Group
Stephen Buchanan	Scoutreach Lones Scout Group
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Robyn Bulgar	Ashmore Scout Group
Anne Bunce	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Charles Burns	Normantion Scout Group
Kathryn Burns	Normantion Scout Group
Graeme Butters	Burpengary Scout Group
Alan Byrnes	Killarney Scout Group
Shelley Cameron	Bunya Park Scout Group
Anthony Campbell	Scoutreach Lones Scout Group
Robyn Campbell	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Sallyann Carlile	Salisbury Scout Group
Wayne Carlile	Salisbury Scout Group
Sherry Carlson	Laidley Scout Group
William Carson-Beales	Kurilpa Scout Group
Iain Chapman	Laidley Scout Group

Noelene Chapman	Mount Archer Scout Group
Graeme Chesterman	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Carol Clark	Burpengary Scout Group
Anthony Clifford	Clifton Hill Scout Group
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