

The Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch Inc.

100th Annual Report 2008/9

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 Member of their local, national and international communities.

Our Principles

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

The Scout Promise

On my honour
 I promise that I will do my best
 To do my duty to my God and
 To the Queen of Australia
 To help other people, and
 To live by the Scout Law

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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



Her Excellency the Governor of
Queensland

Ms Penelope Wensley, AO

Chief Scout of Queensland

As the Chief Scout of Queensland, I am proud to promote the Scouting Movement and the values that it upholds and to support the broad and impressive range of activities undertaken by Scouts Queensland each year.

The 2008/09 year was an especially important one, marking the centenary of Scouting in Queensland and providing a unique opportunity to reflect on the history of the Movement, how it has grown and evolved over the years, what Scouting means today and what it offers for the future.

The 'Year of the Scout', with a host of special events and programs, like the Centenary Camps enjoyed by the Cub Scouts, being added to all the regular activities that the Scouting Movement operates throughout the State and throughout the year, has reinforced strongly the value and importance of Scouting as a force for good in our community.

Scouting continues to provide invaluable opportunities for young Queenslanders to develop their skills and confidence, to extend their experience and enhance their knowledge in ways that are interesting, lively and enjoyable. Through a combination of traditional and specialist activities, Scouts are given opportunities to test and challenge themselves in secure situations and to gain insights into leadership and the value of team work. I am especially pleased to see the increased emphasis placed on programs and activities that foster a respect for our natural environment, encourage tolerance of diversity and a deeper understanding of our indigenous cultures.

Engagement with local communities is another wonderful dimension of the Scouting Movement, helping to instil in our young people an ethos of service and support for others that is much-needed in contemporary society and which I hope they will carry into their adult lives.

I wish all our Queensland Scouts, their leaders and their families, a rewarding year ahead, filled with new and exciting challenges; and I thank Scouts Queensland for its ongoing and strong commitment to the development of Queensland's young people.

Queensland Branch

BRANCH CHIEF SCOUT

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO

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>

REGION COMMISSIONERS

Mr Ian McPhee	<i>Brisbane South Region</i>
Mr Daryl Scott	<i>Brisbane North Region</i>
Mr Stephen Kydd	<i>Capricorn Region</i>
Mr Lance Hodda	<i>Central & Coastal Region</i>
Mr John Finn	<i>Central Western Region</i>
Mr Barry Keleher (Acting)	<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>
Mrs Robyn Devine	<i>Cub Scouts</i>
Mr Pieter Van Der Kamp	<i>Scouts</i>
Mr Phil McNicol	<i>Venturer Scouts</i>
Mrs Kirsty Brown OAM/ Mr Gavin Brady	<i>Rovers</i>
Mr Ian McLeary	<i>Air Activities</i>
Ms Judy Seymour	<i>Environmental Education</i>
Dr Paul Rollason	<i>International</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

ASSISTANT STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Ryan Sodziak



Branch Council

PRESIDENT

Mr Manfred Cross AM

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Sir Bruce Watson KT
 The Honourable Glen Williams AO
 Professor John Pearn AO RFD MD
 Mr Cliff Farmer OAM

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
 Mr Alan Sherlock OBE
 Mr Owen (Kel) Griffiths OBE
 Mrs Anne Stone OAM
 Mr Maurice Law AM
 Mr Robert Waldie
 Mr Evan Newton OAM
 Mr Ian Clarke
 Mrs Elwyn McKee
 Mrs Nina Higgins
 Mr Guy Hamlyn-Harris
 Mr Manfred Cross AM
 The Honourable Glen Williams AO

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 Pat Comben
 Mrs Pat Dryden OAM
 Mr Ken Durham
 Brigadier Rod Earle
 Mr Jack Edwards
 Dr Gerald Fitzgerald
 Mr Andrew Fraser
 Mrs Elizabeth Gilchrist AM
 Mr Kerry Griffin
 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
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 Rev Ian Mavor
 Mr Ross McKinnon
 Mr Phil McNicol



Mr Raymond Miles
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 Ms Dianne Morgan
 Mr Bob Quinn MP
 Mr Craig Ray
 Mrs Audrey Roache
 Mr John Richards
 Mr David Roberts
 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 Geoff White
 Mr David Whitman
 Mr Ian Wilson
 Mr Greg Wood
 Mr Bernard Yorke

REPRESENTATIVES

Deputy Chief Commissioners
 Assistant Chief Commissioners
 Region Commissioners
 Branch Commissioners
 Project Commissioners
 Honorary Commissioners
 Rover Jarrad McDonald
Queensland Branch Rover Executive
 Mr Malcolm Cull
Baden-Powell Guild Representative
 Mrs Elwyn McKee
Representative of the Bob Monteith Memorial Fund

REGION 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

Mrs Carmel Priest
Brisbane South Region
 Mr Fred Scott OAM
Brisbane North Region
 Mr Graham Healy
Darling Downs Region
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Gold Coast Region
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 Ms Leonie Hegvold
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 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
 Mr Aaron Bell
Suncoast Region

GUIDES QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sue Van Eyk
State Commissioner

NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Mr Paul Parkinson
National Commissioner Adult Training and Development





Branch Executive

CHAIRMAN

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VICE PRESIDENTS- BRANCH COUNCIL

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Mr Owen (Kel) Griffiths OBE
Mr Bradley Richards

*Chairman
- Property Committee*

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 *Region Commissioner*
Mr Ken Millers *Region Commissioner*
Mr Ian McPhee *Region Commissioner*

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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Mr Malcolm Cull *Baden-Powell Guild Representative*

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Branch Executive Chairman's Report

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The Chief Commissioner in his report has dealt with the activities of the uniform side of the Movement and I will not repeat those details. The Executive has provided the necessary support to enable the Chief Commissioner and his team to provide the Scouting programme to Youth Members.

In order to manage the affairs of the Movement the Executive has appointed a series of committees which report regularly to the Executive. Currently the following committees are operational:

- Finance Committee
- Property Committee
- Risk Management Committee
- Constitution and Organisation Committee
- 2020 Visions Committee
- Baden Powell Park Development Committee

Executive has been able to negotiate new insurance premiums for the current year at a slight increase and with some expansion of cover. This is a very satisfactory result in the prevailing economic climate and we continue to enjoy a good working relationship with our brokers.

The Indigenous Programme ends in June and it is unlikely further Federal Government funding will be forthcoming. Executive is conscious of the need to continue this important activity and is

investigating ways and means of ensuring Scouting is available to young people in indigenous communities.

Pursuant to the arrangement between the Movement and the former Federal Government water tanks have been installed at many Scout locations throughout the State. This will enable Scouts to be continually educated on water saving issues.

Executive is mindful of the importance of maintaining Scout dens in good repair and has undertaken a review of needs in that regard.

As is evident from the Treasurer's report our finances are in good shape and it is hoped that in the near future moneys will be available for expenditure on upgrading camp sites.

Use of camp sites over school holidays has increased and this is likely to become a significant income earner particularly if sites are upgraded.

In presenting this report I thank all Members of Executive, particularly committee chairs and Members, for their support over the past twelve months.

It is likely the structure of the Executive will be changed during the next twelve months, but any changes will only enhance the management of the Movement.

*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 2009. 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 \$407,582 for the year ended March 2009, an increase of \$183,674 over last year which continues to build on the positive results achieved in recent years. Most areas of operations have performed at or above budget expectations. Scout Supply continues to provide a sound return to the Branch while providing a valuable service to the movement. Usage of our campsites improved during the year and the deficit from maintaining these facilities was well below our budget expectations. We maintain a number of campsites and expect an annual loss from them, but the utility they provide to our Members for training opportunities and Youth activities far outweighs the cost.

I draw the Members attention to the Total Equity as shown on the balance sheet. This has increased by only \$96,464 for the current year despite the strong profit for the year. Again we have been affected by the continuing decline in Australian share market values and have suffered a write down in the value of our investments of \$311,118. Members will recall from previous years that our adoption of 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 to hold them in the long term. Our investments are about providing an income stream through dividends rather than seeking short term capital growth. 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. The movement took up a substantial write up in the value of its investments some years ago on the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards and it is interesting to note that the value of our investments is now back almost line ball with the original cost. This non cash loss in the market value of investments has been transferred to unrealised capital profits reserve at 31 March 2009.

The distributions to reserves from profits amounted to \$194,030 during the year ended 31 March 2009.

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. There have been some

supply issues during the year with Snowgum not delivering some basic lines in a timely manner but the staff has worked hard to minimise the impact of this to the Movement.

INSURANCE

The Movement's insurance requirements continue to be sourced through our current brokers, AON, who have provided this service since 2005. There has been an increase in the premiums for the current year of \$24,000 which was not unexpected in the current economic climate. We continue to enjoy the benefits of the improvements to the deductibles structure gained in previous years.

CASH FLOW BUDGET 2009/2010

The 2009/2010 cash flow budget projects a surplus of \$15,273. 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 remains part of our strategy to convert under-performing assets of the Association to fund programs, including the 2015 Plan.

Despite fluctuating capital values as the effects of the global financial crisis continue to impact on the Australian share market, our income producing assets continue to provide a sound income stream.

Collection of outstanding monies from Members and Groups continues to be a focus and significant 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, \$601,626 was invested and \$1,407,752 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 \$727 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, 2009 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 Myles Stanley,
Branch Executive Honorary Treasurer,
The Scout Association of Australia,
Queensland Branch*

Chief Commissioner's Report

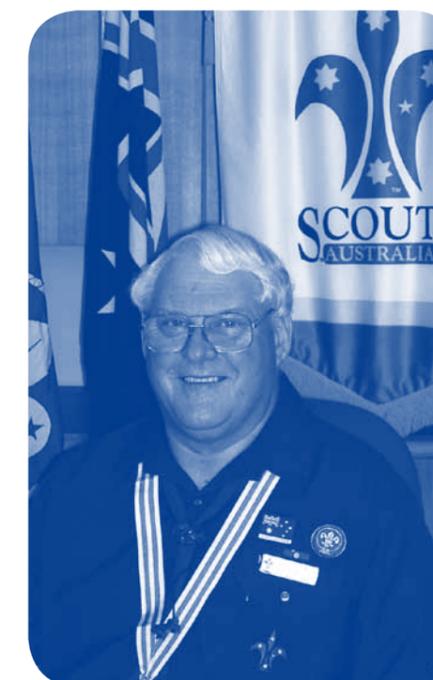
It is not possible to mention in this report every activity that happens in Scouting within the Queensland Branch in a given year. The following is but a snippet of the hundreds of activities which take place or are mounted by volunteer Leaders and Adults for the benefit of the young people who form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

HARMONY DAY

Formations throughout the Branch took part in Harmony Day Celebrations on the weekend of 29 and 30 March 2008. Once again this year the National Organisation arranged a partnership with Woolworths through which Formations were able to put up displays in Woolworths stores in addition to running a BBQ or a raffle with the commodities for the BBQ and the prizes for the raffle being donated by Woolworths and any money raised being retained by the formation that carried out the activity.

SHOUT, SHARE, LIVE, UNITE

This activity organised by Michael Boehm, the Community Partnerships Officer, was the Branch's contribution to National Youth Week Activities. The activity which was open to the general public took place at the Capalaba Region Youth Plaza and included such activities as Skateboarding, BMXing, a climbing wall, a super slide, live music and a number of activities run by various Scout Groups. The activity was well attended by Members of the Scout Movement within the Logan & Bay Region.



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



AUSTRALIAN FELLOWSHIP OF QUEEN SCOUTS

The Chairman of this Fellowship Doctor William Wells visited the Branch on Wednesday 16 April and during his visit we were able to discuss ways through which we could encourage more past Queen Scouts to join this Fellowship. We also spoke of William's plans to form a chapter of the fellowship within each of the Branches.

SALISBURY ROTARY CLUB

I was pleased to accept an invitation to be guest speaker at their meeting on Wednesday 26 March. Once again it was interesting to note the number of people present who have been Members of the Scout or Guide Association and it was further pleasing to note that this Club is assisting a couple of Groups on the south side of Brisbane to make extensions to their premises.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

This activity took place on Sunday 6 April to Saturday 12 April at the Karingal Campsite. The activity was organised by our Community Partnership Officer Mr Michael Beohm and was the first such activity that has been run by the Branch. Whilst the number attending the activity was not as high as we had hoped it was obvious when I attended the camp on Tuesday 8 April that the young people were having a fantastic time and I have no doubt that they will be great ambassadors for the extension of this program. It is planned to continue our program of holiday camps throughout the year.

HIBISCUS SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

To commemorate a centenary of Scouting, the Hibiscus Society of Queensland has named a new variety of Hibiscus in honour of the Association. Due to its vibrant purple flower, which has been noted to be very similar to the Scout world logo, the Hibiscus Society has officially named the variety "Scouts Centenary". The variety of flower will be available on a commercial basis and will be listed in the official nomenclature of Hibiscus. The President of the Hibiscus Society of Queensland, Mrs Gynith Whatmou, presented the Hibiscus to the Association at their annual flower show and display at the Botanic Gardens, Mount Coo-tha.

VENTURER UNIT AT CHURCHIE

We have started a Venturer Unit at Churchie. I was pleased to attend a meeting of the Unit on Monday 21 April 2008 and assist in the investiture ceremony for the first ten Members of the Unit.

DINNER HOSTED BY ST JOHN AMBULANCE TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

This dinner took place in the Royal Room of the United Services Club on Thursday 1 May 2008 which marked to the day the 100th anniversary of the publishing of "Scouting for Boys". Along with the Chairman I was pleased to attend this function and have since expressed to Dr Vlas Efstathis my counterpart from

St John Ambulance our sincere thanks for an excellent night and the Association's gratitude for the manner in which St John Ambulance hosted this excellent evening.

REBEL SPORTS

As a consequence of discussions held by our Community Partnerships Officer Mr Michael Beohm with the Manager of Rebel Sports on Friday 16 May I attended a meeting at the Carindale Store with the Store Manager and the State Marketing Manager. As a consequence of this meeting Rebel Sports have now agreed to support the Association by offering special deals to Members giving them significant discounts and at the time of making a purchase the opportunity to register for a Rebel Sports Scout Association Discount Card.

This card will not only give continuing discounts to Members but will also provide a rebate to the Branch Headquarters on all sales to Members of the Movement. Rebel Sports have also indicated their willingness to provide some sponsorship in relation to our Holiday Camps and negotiated for the Centre Entertainment Stage at the Carindale Store to be made available on 14 June for Brisbane Gang Show to promote the forthcoming Gang Show season.

KOALA CAMP

The third and final camp of the current program in conjunction with the Mater Children's Hospital took place at Karingal Campsite on the weekend of the 16, 17 and 18 May 2008. Sunday afternoon saw a presentation ceremony being held at which I was pleased to represent the Association. This ceremony was attended by the Mayor and four Councillors from Redland Shire, the Local Federal Member and Mr John English MP represented the Premier of Queensland. During the ceremony the Mater Hospital paid tribute to the contribution made to the program by the Scout Association and in particular our Community Partnerships Officer Mr Michael Beohm who was responsible for organising and running the three Koala Camps.

MALENY SCOUT GROUP 88TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

These celebrations took place on Sunday 25 May 2008 at the Maleny Historical Village which is where the Scout Group currently meets. The celebrations were well attended with many past Members bringing items from their Scouting days to add to the displays which were mounted on the day.

BRISBANE NORTH REGION BAANYA

This Region Scout Section activity took place on the weekend of the 23, 24 and 25 May at Tyamolum Campsite. I was pleased to accept an invitation to visit the activity and during the couple of hours I was able to spend there I witnessed participants taking part at the cooking base which including cooking pizzas, lemonade scones and making ice cream. The theme for the activity was the 100th year birthday party and it was obvious the young people in

attendance, which I understand was approximately eighty, were thoroughly enjoying the experience.

MORETON REGION JOEY SCOUT 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING & 18TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Allawah Campsite was the venue chosen for this activity which saw the Joey Scouts from Moreton Region going into camp for a weekend. On Saturday 31 May along with Branch Commissioner (Joey Scouts) Michele Johnson and Region Commissioner Ken Millers, I attended a special afternoon tea to celebrate these two milestones in Scouting history.

ST GEORGE BANK PRESENTATION

As the consequence of an application put into St George Bank to assist with the Albert Park Flexi School Project on Friday 6 June I visited the Toowong Branch of the St George Bank to be presented with a cheque for approximately \$4,000 to assist with this project.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND ROVER COUNCIL REUNION DINNER

This dinner took place on Saturday 7 June as part of the Central Queensland Rover Moot. The moot was held at the Awoonga Dam Site just outside of Gladstone and I was pleased to be able to accept an invitation to be present on this occasion. Dinner on Saturday night saw approximately 100 present and past Rovers joining together for an evening of celebration.

EPRAPAH 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

These celebrations took place at the Eprapah Campsite on Sunday 8 June where a number of people gathered for an informal day which included a BBQ Lunch followed by a Scouts Own. There were a number of displays of memorabilia in relation to the site and a number of people who had done their Woodbadge course were in attendance.

QUEENSLAND SCOUT CENTRE OPEN NIGHT / NEW LEADERS RECEPTION

This is the second such night which has been conducted so far this Scouting Year. Attendance at the Open Night/Reception was disappointing however understandably because the second State of Origin was being played on that night. Whilst there was a small number of Leaders present for the New Leaders Reception it was interesting to note that having the Section Branch Commissioners and the Activity Branch Commissioner present resulted in a lot of questions asked and so whilst the number may have been small the aim of the evening was reached.

The Open Night to which invitations were sent to Group Leaders, Group Chairman, Secretaries and Treasurers unfortunately was not as well attended as the previous Open Night which is disappointing because the Staff at Queensland Scout Centre stay back to answer any of their questions that they may have on these nights.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was held at the Queensland Scout Centre on Friday 13 June 2008 and despite being fairly well promoted attendance at the meeting was disappointing. The election of Office Bearers saw Jarrad McDonald appointed as Chairman for the Queensland Branch Rover Executive for the coming year.

CENTENARY PROJECT

On Thursday 3 July I visited the Wesley Research Institute where, along with Professor Julie Campbell, we presented to Joey Scout Cameron Sharp of Narangba Scout Group and Scout Kyle North from Capalaba Scout Group a special certificate signed by the Chief Scout in recognition of the fact that Cameron was the first Joey Scout and Kyle the first Scout to have raised \$100 for the Centenary Project through the Centenary Website. The Wesley Research Institute also provided afternoon tea for the Members of Cameron's Joey Scout Mob and Kyle's Scout Troop.

TRIPLE S

Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp has already mentioned this camp within the Scout Section of the report however I wish to place on record my sincere congratulations to both Pieter and Jean Clifford for the tremendous amount of work they do in putting this camp together. I know that they would say there are a lot of people who contribute to the success of this camp but I am aware of the additional work that both Pieter and Jean do in the lead up to the camp to ensure its success. I was pleased to attend the camp on Saturday 5 July and whilst there took the opportunity to help serve dinner to the Scouts.

BRISBANE GANG SHOW

The period under review saw the staging of the 57th consecutive Brisbane Gang Show and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to Mr Craig Ray as Executive Director for Brisbane Gang Show and Mr Geoff Doo the Producer of the Show. I was privileged to attend all eleven performances of the Gang and to host on behalf of the Branch Headquarters a significant number of guests all of whom spoke very highly of the show.

CENTRAL & COASTAL REGION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I visited Central and Coastal Region on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 July and during that visit attended a family function at Sarina Scout Group on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday the Annual General Meeting of Central and Coastal Region. The new Mayor of Mackay Regional Council was in attendance at the meeting and during the meeting offered the continuing support of the Council. It was also interesting to note that all four Mackay Rotary Clubs were represented at the meeting and the Mackay Rotary Club continues to provide the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the Region Council.



URBAN CHALLENGE

This activity, run by the Rover Section for the Venturer Section, took place on the weekend of 19 and 20 July 2008. 113 Venturers, the most Venturers ever to attend this activity, took part in the challenge and on the Saturday evening the Rover Section took the opportunity to celebrate 90 Years of Rovering.

DARLING DOWNS REGION SEMINAR

On Sunday 20 July the Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak and myself travelled to Toowoomba to conduct this one day seminar. The seminar was very well attended with in excess of twenty-five people attending and as well as bringing the Region up to date with some administration matters we were also able to start them down the track on the 2020 Plan. Unfortunately the Region had not been in attendance at the Region Commissioners Conference where the 2020 Plan was discussed and so it was necessary to start from scratch in this regard. Members of the Region were very receptive to this process.

CENTRAL & COASTAL REGION LEADERS SEMINAR

I travelled to Mackay to attend this conference which was held at Rowallan Park on the weekend of the 9-10 August. The Seminar was well attended and covered a cross section of topics including a three-hour session on the 2020 plan. The Region Commissioner has for some time been trying to get Groups within the Region to submit applications for grants.

Whilst the Region had been successful in obtaining some grants none of the Groups within the Region had been successful and therefore the Region Commissioner requested that the Branch Headquarters Grants Officer attend this seminar. In addition to running a session in relation to applications for grants Tony and Shaun spent time with every Group Leader and as a consequence of this it is planned to have a grant application lodged for every Group within the Region either by the end of August or September. There will also be a further grant submitted for Rowallan Park.

BRISBANE EXHIBITION

For the first time in many years we have this year mounted a display at the Brisbane Exhibition. The display was put together by our Marketing & Communications Manager Brad De Luca and our Community Partnerships Officer Michael Boehm. From all reports the display was extremely successful with many requests being received in relation to joining the Movement. One Region Commissioner has since reported to me that they have three new Members as a result of the EKKA promotion.

The first Saturday of the Exhibition saw the first ever EKKA Scout Challenge which in turn saw a number of patrols in the main arena competing to see who could put up a patrol tent in the quickest possible time. Michael Boehm reports that he considers this challenge to have been extremely successful because there were some 25,000 people in the stands at the time of the

challenge and whilst the challenge was going on Michael was talking over the PA system about Scouting and the challenges for young people.

MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA CELEBRATION

Friday 15 August saw the launch of this celebration with the hosting of a cocktail party by the Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council at the Murrumba Museum. The celebration will take the form of a Scouting display in the museum over a two week period commencing from Friday 15 August. I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend the opening ceremony and noted with interest the comments of the museum curator when welcoming people to the reception that the Association has a wealth of memorabilia which if looked after correctly will be invaluable to the Association in the future.

HERITAGE PICNIC IN THE PARK

This activity run by Allan Newland and his heritage team took place at Baden Powell Park on Wednesday 20 August as a seniors week function. I was pleased to attend the function for about one hour during the day and along with the President of the Branch had the honour of cutting the centenary cake. I congratulate Allan and his team for the effort that went to in putting this day together. Whilst I suspect that numbers were a little bit down on what Allan would have hoped the enthusiasm and fellowship between those present made up for this lack of numbers.

BADEN POWELL GUILD OF QUEENSLAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown OAM represented the Association at this meeting which saw Mr Malcolm Cull be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. During her attendance at the meeting she accepted a cheque from the Guild for \$500 toward the Wesley Centenary Project. We extend to the Baden Powell Guild of Queensland our sincere thank you for their support of this project.

PINE RIVER'S SHOW

Murrumba District provided a Scout presence at this show through the provision of a promotions tent, approximately 130 Members representing all sections of the Movement taking part in the grand parade, a tent pitching competition held in the main arena and a sausage sizzle. District Commissioner Jenny Annand advises that obviously their major focus was on promotion with many people visiting the promotions tent and Jenny estimates that they received approximately 100 serious recruitment enquiries during the show.

Jenny further noted that the large uniform Scouting presence at such a popular community event should result in increased Membership, the fostering of existing community good will and

some valuable contacts with local identities which should result in better resource benefits and Youth program opportunities

RECEPTION AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOSTED BY THE PREMIER MS ANNA BLIGH TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE SCOUT AND THE CENTENARY OF SCOUTING IN QUEENSLAND

This function was held at Parliament House on Tuesday 28 August and saw approximately 300 in attendance. The Premier hosted the function using her invite list with a few people from Scouting added to it and some Youth Members from the Mount Bruce Scout Group. During the evening the Premier spoke about the work that Scouting did in the Community, reminisced about her time in Brownies, she used that as an example of the training that young people receive whilst they are a Member of the Movement. In my address I took the opportunity to not only thank the Queensland Government for their support of Scouting but also to promote the Centenary Project.

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE ACADEMY INDUCTION PARADE

Wednesday 27 August saw this parade being held at the Tom Molloy Oval at the Police Academy. In addition to ninety-two new Constables being sworn in, the parade also marked the 50th Anniversary of PCYC and the Police Pipe Band. During my attendance I took the opportunity to present the Scouting Award for Physical Excellence. This year marks the 25th year that Scouting has been presenting this award at Police Induction Parades.

SKILLORAMA

This annual event in the Near North Coast and Country Region calendar took place at the Redcliffe Showgrounds on Saturday 6 September. Region Commissioner Irma Howell was delighted at the attendance but disappointed that people did not register to attend the activity by the due date as this meant that insufficient badges had been ordered to ensure that all Youth Members attending received one. Further badges will have to be ordered to meet this objective. During my attendance I took the opportunity to visit the various activities which had been set up by Members of the Scout and Venturer Sections for the enjoyment of Members of the Cub Scout and Joey Scout Sections. As with previous years the event was well supported by the community including the local Rotary Clubs.

REDLANDS SPRING FESTIVAL

This community festival was once again supported by Scout Members in the Redlands Region. Venturers from Victoria Point Scout Group not only won the fruit display competition but gave support to the whole of the day by manning the gates, doing the rubbish bin runs and generally assisting wherever they could. Members of the Rover Section also set up a display to promote Scouting, the Rover Section and the School Holiday Programs and

during the day answered lots of questions from people interested in having their child join the Scout Movement.

EPRAPAH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DAY

On Sunday 7 September I chaired a meeting attended by Mr John English MP, the Mayor of Redlands, two Redlands Councillors, the Principal of the Moreton Bay Environmental College and the Chairman of Redlands Tourism together with Members of the Eprapah Team with the purpose of getting their view regarding the way in which Eprapah could fit better into the Community, earn additional revenue and continue to play its current role for Members of the Scout Movement.

A number of interesting ideas came out of the meeting and the Members of the Eprapah Team are now consolidating the notes from the meeting so that they may be further investigated.

LOOK FAR – LOOK WIDE PATROL TRIP TO UNITED KINGDOM

I could not do this trip justice by writing a few short notes in this report but I did want to ensure it became part of the record of the Branch by including some comments. I am without a doubt that these comments should include a very sincere thanks to Vice President Professor John Pearn AO for not only the time he spent in the preparation of this trip but also in its execution. I have no doubt that the ten people who along with myself were the recipients of John's effort would join with me in praising those efforts to the highest.

BRISBANE NORTH REGION GROUP LEADERS SEMINAR

Under the Leadership of Region Commissioner Daryl Scott this seminar was conducted at the Brisbane North Region Headquarters on Saturday 11 October and along with Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak I was pleased to accept an invitation to attend. During our attendance we took the opportunity to answer questions raised by those in attendance and to discuss some new administrative initiatives.

OPENING OF BRISBANE INNER CITY ROVER CREW

Saturday 18 October saw the official opening of this Rover Crew which is attached to the Branch Headquarters. Mr Michael Johnson MP, Federal Member for Ryan attended the opening and presented an Australian Flag to the Crew. The Crew currently has approximately ten Members the majority of who were present for the opening ceremony and it was my pleasure to ask the Crew Leader to officially open the Crew by performing the first Rover Opening Ceremony. The opening ceremony was followed by morning tea.

JOTA ACTIVITY CAMP

I attended this camp which was held at the Murrenbong Campsite and was exceptionally well attended by Members of the Scout and



Guide Movements. The activity was supported by Members of the Redcliffe and Districts Radio Club who in addition to providing the facility for young people to talk on the air also conducted an activity base which saw our Youth Members constructing a crystal radio and taught them about Morse code. The machinery shed was converted into a computer room to allow the Youth Members in attendance to chat to other Members throughout the world on Scout Net.

SANDGATE SCOUT GROUP 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate this milestone the Sandgate Scout Group held a day of festivities on Saturday 18 October. The day commenced with a Scout Rally followed by an afternoon tea where a number of past Members and supporters of the Group gathered to reminisce over their time in Scouting and concluded with a Group Campfire. I was pleased to attend to join their Group for their closing parade at which time I had the opportunity to present three Members of the Scout Troop with their Australian Scout Medallions.

WONARGO REVUE SCARF PRESENTATION

With the 2008 season of Wonargo Revue about to commence it was time for the new Members of the Revue to receive their Revue Scarfs and I was pleased to accept an invitation from the Producer of Wonargo Revue, Mr John Martin to perform this duty.

The day also saw supporters of the Revue who had given significant years of service recognised with the Producers presenting them with their years of service scarf. Following the ceremony the Revue conducted their dress rehearsal which was attended by Vice President Cliff Farmer and his wife Jenny as they would be overseas during the actual performances. The 2008 season of the revue was an outstanding success.

SUPPLIERS FUNCTION

This initiative of the Assistant State Executive Officer saw invitations being issued to a number of people and companies who provide services to the Association to come and join us at the Branch Headquarters for some light refreshments and networking. The Function took place on Tuesday 21 October and whilst some twenty people had accepted our invitation unfortunately the number who attending was smaller than this because of a severe storm which occurred just prior to the commencement of the Function. It is proposed to hold another of these functions early in 2009.

CAPRICORN REGION SEMINAR

The Assistant State Executive Officer and I travelled to Rockhampton to conduct this Seminar on Saturday 25 October 2008. This seminar was well attended by Leaders from within the Region and I have no doubt that the Leaders of the Region felt that they had gained something through their attendance.

GAYNDAH SCOUT GROUP OFFICIAL OPENING

This Scout Group which has been in recess for many years officially reopened on Monday 27 October. The Group has a Group Leader, Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Scout Leader and commenced with twenty-four Youth Members. Region Commissioner Carole Howlett and her team are to be commended for their efforts in the recommencement of this Group.

VOLUNTEER'S DAY – QUEENSLAND CRICKET

This annual event in the calendar of Queensland Cricket took place on Sunday 26 October at the Woolloongabba Cricket Grounds to see the Queensland Bulls play the Victorian Bushrangers. Through the efforts of our Branch Executive Chairman, Scout Members attending in uniform were able to get in free for the day without meeting the requirement of the Volunteers Pass. This was in celebration of "2008, Year of the Scout" and in recognising the contribution made by Scouting over the last one hundred years. It is difficult to know the number of Scout Members who actually attended but I do understand that the day's attendance was in excess of 11,000 volunteers.

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY IN FAR NORTH REGION

Two days after the Chief Scout was invested she was in Cairns and took the opportunity to attend the ceremony at Edge Hill Scout Den to present awards to ten Leaders from Far North Queensland. A large number of Youth Members were also present during the ceremony and following the ceremony broke off to do sectional activities. Her Excellency enjoyed a considerable amount of time talking to these young people as they did the activities. This is the first time an Adult Recognition Award ceremony with the Governor and the Chief Scout making the presentations has been conducted in Far North Region.

WESTERN REGION SEMINAR

Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak and I travelled to Dalby on Saturday 1 November to conduct a two day seminar. The seminar was extremely well attended and I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the Leaders. This is the first time we have been able to run a seminar in Western Region since Albert Shelley was appointed as Region Commissioner and it is obvious that the Region is benefiting from his appointment.

QUEEN SCOUT AWARD, BP AWARD AND ADULT RECOGNITION AWARD CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

This year's ceremony was different to those of previous years as it was held on a week day evening and in the investiture room at Government House. This made it a much more personal presentation for each of the recipients which included fifteen Queen Scouts, one BP Award recipient and two Adult Recognition Awards, one being a Silver Kangaroo the other being a President's

award to the Chairman of the Branch Executive Committee The Honourable Glen Williams AO. Following the official ceremony the Governor and Chief Scout hosted a light supper in the Government House drawing room

NATIONAL FLY THE FLAG COMPETITION

An afternoon tea was held at the Queensland Scout Centre for the Members of the Tara Scout Group who were runners up at the National Fly the Flag Competition. As a reward for their efforts a trip to the Gold Coast had been organised and they called into the Queensland Scout Centre on their way home which gave me the opportunity to congratulate them for their tremendous efforts in this competition.

PRESENTATION OF REPLICA OF KING'S COLOURS

This event, organised and run by Members of the Baden-Powell Guild, took place in Gympie on Saturday 22 November 2008. Her Excellency the Governor and Chief Scout of Queensland attended the activity, addressed the gathering and, following the blessing of the King's Colours, started them on their journey through the hands of family representatives of the patrol who were presented the King's Colours, the oldest King Scout, the President of the Baden-Powell Guild to two current Members of the Movement who have recently received their Queen's Scout Awards.

No stone had been left unturned to ensure that the replica was an exact replica of the original Colours and a number of people who provided financial assistance for the manufacturing of these colours were recognised during the official ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a light finger luncheon which gave Her Excellency the opportunity to mingle with those present.

WIDE BAY-BURNETT REGION SEMINAR

Following the conclusion of the presentation of the King's Colours at Gympie, Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak and I travelled to Bundaberg where we conducted a one day seminar for the Leaders of the Wide Bay-Burnett Region. This seminar was well attended with over fifty Leaders present. It gave us the opportunity to bring Leaders up to date on current issues, sort out some of the problems they were experiencing and to start them along the road to completing their 2020 Plan.

FAR NORTH REGION CAMP

Because of inclement weather Far North Region were unable to hold their Centenary Camp during Easter 2008 and elected to conduct a camp from 28 – 30 November at the Uniting Church Campsite on Tinaroo Dam. All Groups within the Region were represented and activities were conducted for all sections of the Movement.

The camp was also joined by Indigenous Project Officer Glynis Williams who brought a number of the young people in the Indigenous Program to the camp. The Young People attending

the camp were kept busy with the myriad of activities that were provided and these activities included a Market Day on the Sunday. The Rover Crew from Far North Queensland ran the high rope and low rope activities which were on demand by the Youth Members. Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak and myself attended the camp and had an opportunity to discuss several matters with the Leaders in attendance.

LIMESTONE DISTRICT REVUE

The Cambrian Centre in Ipswich was the venue for three performances of this Revue on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December. The Cast this year was slightly down in numbers however it didn't lack the enthusiasm normally shown by Members of this Revue. This year saw Kate Green as Producer of the Revue for the first time.

KING & QUEENS SCOUT CENTENARY REUNION

This reunion was hosted by the Mayor of Ipswich at the Ipswich Civic Centre on Sunday 14 December. Unfortunately numbers attending were rather low however that did not detract from the enthusiasm of the people in attendance, many of whom had lost contact with one another over the years. The Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Pisasale commented how proud the city was to be able to host this reunion particularly considering the great work that Scouts does in communities right throughout Queensland.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Under the Leadership of Michael Beohm, Community Partnerships Officer, these camps were run at Karingal Campsite commencing from 22 December and continuing through to 24 January with a short break between 24 December and 4 January. That these programs are now Child Care Accredited has certainly increased the number of young people attending, and I understand from Michael, that daily figures average between 30 and 50 young people.

Since the conclusion of the program I have written to the parents of all the young people who attended thanking them for their patronage of the activity and inviting them to make comment on areas they feel could be improved. Certainly during the times that I attended the camp the young people seemed to be really enjoying themselves and participating in the activities which were provided for them. I congratulate Michael and his team on an excellent effort.

AV2009 – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Whilst this topic has been reported in the Branch Commissioner Venturers Section of the report, I feel it is important to place on record the Branch's sincere appreciation to Phil McNicol and his team for their organisation of the Queensland Contingent which not only attended the Venture but did a pre-Venture trip which enabled participants to see more of Western Australia. In the morning of Wednesday 31 December the day which the majority of the Venturers departed from Brisbane airport I spent an hour or so handing baggage tags out to Members of the Contingent which gave me an opportunity to speak with most of the Young People and



Leaders who were attending. They were all in high spirits looking forward to the Venture so their adventure could commence.

KENNEDY REGION GROUP LEADERS SEMINAR

This Seminar took place on Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February. It was extremely well attended by Group Leaders and Assistant Group Leaders from within Kennedy Region. During the program on Saturday I had the opportunity to talk with the Leaders about Chartering and Training whilst Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak went through the changes made to the Membership System to enable Group Leaders to do their census online. On Sunday we had the opportunity to run through some administration matters and the traditional "Ask the Chief" session that happens at these conferences.

BRANCH TEAM SEMINAR

This Seminar designed to get the Branch Team up and running for the year took place on Monday 2 February at the Queensland Scout Centre. Whilst the Seminar was better attended than in previous years it was still disappointing that a number of people attached to the Branch Headquarters were not in attendance. The Seminar took up one of the objectives from the 2020 Plan and that is to make sure that Leaders throughout the Branch understand some of our traditions. As a result of the Seminar teams have been designated to write articles for Encompass on approximately twenty topics of a traditional nature to the Movement.

CELEBRATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AND ITS FOUNDER HOSTED BY BADEN POWELL MASONIC LODGE NO. 505

This traditional Masonic Founder's Day Service was held at the Stones Corner Temple on Wednesday 11 February 2009. During the Service the Chairman of the Branch Rover Executive delivered a report on Rovering throughout the Branch, Rover Service Awards were presented and I was honoured to deliver the Founder's Day address. The Grand Lodge were in attendance as with previous years and during the service I took the opportunity to invest the Most Worshipful Grand Master as an Honorary Member of the Movement.

BRANCH FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

This service took place at the Queensland Scout Centre on Friday 20 February. Unfortunately a storm in the late afternoon caused us to shift the ceremony from under the marquee in the park to the Executive Room. It also caused a number of people to ring and apologise that they were unable to attend.

Despite this the Executive Room was full and the ceremony conducted by Deputy Chief Commissioner Fr Iain Furby was well received by those present. Professor John Pearn AO was our guest speaker, Youth Members from Gumdale Scout Group formed the flag party and Members of the Gang Show supported those present with singing.

SIR LESLIE WILSON DISTRICT 50 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

These celebrations took place on Saturday 21 February when the Youth Members and Leaders of the District did a tour of every Group within the District. In addition to hiking between a number of the dens the 230 plus Youth Members in attendance also travelled by train. I was pleased to join in the celebrations whilst they were at the Grovelly Scout Den for lunch and during that time be involved in the presentation of two Australian Scout Medallions and a number of Leader Awards.

NEAR NORTH COAST AND COUNTRY FOUNDER'S DAY RALLY

This rally was held at Pine Rivers Parkland on Saturday 21 February with nearly 200 Youth Members in attendance who participated in an afternoon of activities, joined in a BBQ dinner which was followed by a camp fire. Following the conclusion of the camp fire the Queen's Scout Award was presented to Dustin Yates of Albany Creek Scout Group. I was pleased to join the rally mid afternoon, stay for the campfire and participate in the Queen's Scout Award presentation.

DARLING DOWNS REGION THINKING AND FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

It has become the tradition in Darling Downs Region for the Guide and Scout Movements to join together in a Thinking and Founder's Day Service which for a number of years has been conducted at St Stephen's Uniting Church in Toowoomba. This year the tradition continued with the Guide Movement being responsible for conducting the ceremony.

The church was once again packed to capacity, Darling Downs Revue Members were in attendance to lead the singing, and the State Commissioner for Guides led those present in the Guide Promise whilst I led the Members of the Scout Movement in the Scout Promise. This service once again, by tradition, starts with a parade of flags from all the Groups in attendance and concludes with the flags leaving the church during the singing of the final hymn.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS COMMITTEE

I am pleased to report that Branch Advisor, Peter Blatch has been invited to serve on the Educational Methods Committee. The EMC is a sub-Committee of the World Scout Committee. Its aim is to support the delivery of better Scouting to more young people throughout the world through working with Regions and other national Scout organisations. Peter is one of twelve Members who work on this Committee, selected because of his expertise in educational methods. Peter has been reappointed to this Committee having worked on it since 2005.

NEAR NORTH COAST AND COUNTRY REGION SEMINAR

Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak and myself had the

opportunity to attend this Seminar which was held on Sunday 1 March 2009. Whilst the Seminar was well attended it was disappointing to note that the majority of Group Leaders from one District were not in attendance. During the time we spent at the seminar I was able to answer a number of questions raised by those in attendance and Ryan spent time explaining to those present the Scout Membership System and in particular the access which they now have to carry out their census online.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL WATER TANK PROJECT

We have now been made aware by the National Coordinator for this project, Mr David Jones that as a result of the interest received on the money from the Federal Government there is some money which can be spent on putting water tanks at campsites. On Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 February David was in Queensland and along with Mr Cliff Farmer, Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen and Campsite Coordinator Rob Thurlby they visited a number of our campsites and plans have now been laid for the installation of tanks at BP Park, Eprapah, Karingal and Brownsea.

Since David's visit we have also become aware that there is more money available to the Queensland Branch and we are now looking at having tanks installed at Wirraglen (Toowoomba), Allawah, Tyamolum (North Brisbane) and Rocky Creek Campsites. Unfortunately because the project is based on the saving of reticulated water we were not able to arrange for tanks to be installed at Wyper Park (Bundaberg), Aldershot (Maryborough), Rowallan Park (Mackay), Murrenbong (North Brisbane), Seeonee Park (Rockhampton) as none of these sites have reticulated water.

SECRETARY GENERAL – WORLD ORGANISATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

The World Bureau recently announced the appointment of Luc Panissod as the Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

The Secretary General is appointed by the World Scout Committee of which he is an ex-officio Member. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and directs its Secretariat, the World Scout Bureau. He promotes and safeguards the interests of the Movement.

Luc Panissod, born in 1949, became Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in March 2009 (From November 2007 to March 2009 he served as Acting Secretary General). In this position he leads an Organization of more than 28 million Members, girls and boys, women and men, in 160 countries. He has specialised knowledge, as well as experience, in the main sectors of an organisation: policy definitions, strategic business planning, general administration, personnel management, accounting and management of finances, public relations and communications. Information technology and psycho-sociology are also not foreign to him. Luc studied at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris, having

completed a Diploma in Economics, a Masters in Economics, and then a 'Certificat d'Aptitude à l'Administration des Entreprises CAAE-MBA' at one of its affiliated institutes.

He was preparing his PhD on the "Marketing of public and social causes" when he joined the World Scout Bureau. Before joining the World Scout Bureau in 1982, Luc worked, both in Switzerland for the private sector as manager of a graphic arts industry company and in France for the public sector as head of the general management department of a large semi-public research centre and "Chargé de Mission" in liaison with the Cabinet of the French Minister of Transportation.

In 1991 he was promoted to Deputy Secretary General of WOSM, responsible for the General Management of the World Scout Bureau. Luc was awarded with the Bronze Wolf Award in 1996 – the highest honour in World Scouting - and a number of awards from National Scout Organizations. He speaks French and English fluently, has a working knowledge of German, and is also a father of two.

CHIEF SCOUT

The beginning of last year saw Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC continue in her role as Chief Scout of Queensland until accepting an appointment as Governor-General of Australia and taking up an appointment as the Chief Scout of Australia. We are extremely appreciative of the contribution that Her Excellency made to the Queensland Branch during her appointment as Chief Scout; we thank her for that support and her interest in the young people who form the Membership of the Movement.

July 2008, saw Ms Penelope Wensley AO accept an appointment as Governor of Queensland and soon after her investiture ceremony we were notified of her acceptance of our invitation to become the Chief Scout of Queensland. Her Excellency was invested at Government House on 27 October 2008 and since her investiture has presented Adult and Youth Awards in Brisbane, Adult Awards in Cairns and in Townsville and was present in Gympie for the handing over of the replica King Colours.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CAMPS

These camps which are held at the Karingal Campsite under the Leadership of Community Partnerships Officer Michael Boehm have now become the norm for all school holidays. Numbers of Youths attending the camps have grown from camp to camp and we have now managed to have the Holiday Camps Child Care Accredited which will not only reduce the amount the parents pay for their child to attend the camp but have also had the effect of increasing numbers.

Michael is to be congratulated for his efforts in running the Holiday Camps and now that the pattern for the camps and the administration procedures have been settled it is our intention to commence running the School Holiday Camps from the Baden Powell Park Campsite from September 2009. These camps are based on normal Scout type activities with the program including a trip to the Gold Coast or to the movies. Some of the participants



come on a day to day basis whilst others take the opportunity of staying overnight at a camp.

CENTENARY VISIT BY THE LOOK FAR LOOK WIDE PATROL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Twelve Members of the Queensland Branch travelled across the world to celebrate the 100th year of Scouting in Australia at the birthplace of Scouting. The evening before the Patrol assembled some of the Members attended the Northumbland Region Annual General Meeting.

The following morning the Group headed off for Dilston Campsite which became their base for a weeklong visit which included a pilgrimage to the Memorial Cairn at Carr Edge near Fourstones where the Founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden Powell held his first ever National Scout Camp.

The Group was joined by Major General Michael Walsh, a former Chief Scout who hosted a dinner at the George Hotel, Chollerford where Baden Powell wrote part of his book "Scouting for Boys." As part of the Hexham Abbey Festival the patrol attended a service where one of the patrol Members was invited to read the lesson.

The patrol followed the Stephenson's Trail to visit the former home of George Stephenson at Wylam. It was his son Robert who was Godfather to Baden Powell. An important part of the visit was to South Shields where the Mayor of South Tyneside County Alex Donaldson and his wife greeted the Scouts at a Civic Reception at the South Shields Town Hall.

The Scouts also made a visit to honour the memory of John Simpson Kilpatrick, Australia's most favourite war hero who showed tremendous bravery by carrying hundreds of wounded soldiers off the battlefields at Gallipoli with his donkey.

Following the camp at the Dilston Campsite the Group travelled to Poole where they were guests of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and were again on this occasion joined by Major General Michael Walsh. The Institute was kind enough to provide one of their lifeboats to take the Patrol to Brownsea Island for a guided tour of the island following which they returned to the Institute for their final dinner before the Members of the Patrol dispersed to go their own separate ways.

The Patrol would like to place on record their sincere thanks to Vice President Professor John Pearn AO for his tremendous work in putting this trip together.

In addition to completing this pilgrimage all the Members of the patrol completed and were issued certificates in relation to the Grey Medallion Life Saving Course, St John Ambulance and Royal Life Savers Senior First Aid Course and each Member of the Patrol also earned their Wood Beads with these beads being presented at Carr Edge, the site of our Founder's first ever National Scout Camp.

ENCOMPASS

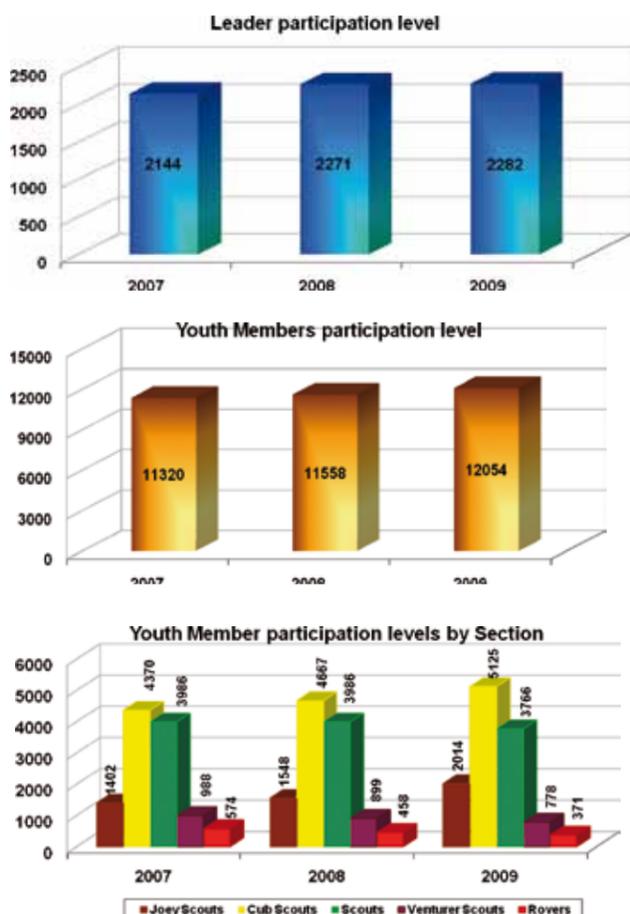
During the year we changed from ScoutAbout, which was an externally produced Leader magazine, to Encompass, an internally

produced Leader magazine, which is now sent electronically to all Adult Members of the Movement on a monthly basis. Printed copies are also sent to Formation Leaders so that they can be distributed to people within their formation who do not have access to the internet.

This communication device has received tremendous acceptance by our Adult Members who appreciate the currency of the information contained therein which is brought about by the fact that the closing date for articles is only one week prior to the distribution date. A copy of the latest publication is also issued with the notice to the Branch Executive and Branch Council meetings.

YOUTH AND LEADER PARTICIPATION LEVELS

These participation levels are depicted in the following graphs.



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

It is even more pleasing to see that our Leader participation levels have increased once again this year which perhaps reflects the enormous amount of promotion we have done in an effort to encourage Adults to take up Leadership in the Movement.

CENTENARY OF SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA – 2008 THE YEAR OF THE SCOUT

During this milestone in the history of Scouting in Australia, Formations throughout the Branch have taken the opportunity to participate in a myriad of events far too numerous to report on individually within this report. These events together with the promotional campaign run through the National Association with the assistance of funds from the Federal Government have once again placed Scouting in clear view of all communities within the Queensland Branch.

OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

The challenge facing Scouting in Queensland now is to continue this impetus into future years. With this in mind the Branch on 8 – 10 February 2008 hosted a Visions Conference with the view to looking towards the year 2020. This conference together with the work done by the Deputy Chief Commissioners, the Region Commissioners and the Branch Commissioners has been consolidated into the 2020 Plan. This plan through its vision and mission statement clearly indicates the direction for Scouting in Queensland as we head towards the year 2020.

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

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

CORE OBJECTIVES

Leadership

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

Resources

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

Program

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

Membership

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

Participation

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

Development

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

We are confident that as we travel along the journey of meeting these objectives Scouting within the Queensland Branch will continue to grow from strength to strength, will continue to increase its Youth participation levels and will continue to attract more and more Adults to take up Leadership within the Movement.

I have the privilege of leading a team of extremely dedicated Deputy Chief Commissioners, Region Commissioners and Branch Commissioners who through their enthusiasm, their strong belief in the principles of the Scout Movement continually go that extra mile to provide support to the 285 Groups throughout the Queensland Branch. As it is at these Groups were Scouting really provides the program to our Youth Members, the team do so strongly believing that the programs which the Movement offers to these young people gives to them life lasting experiences which, as they journey along life's path, will assist them to contribute as useful citizens in the communities in which they live.

The test of Scouting today is to provide programs which encourage our Youth Members to continue to attend. The test of Scouting tomorrow will be the contribution that those young people make to their and the wider community of Queensland and Australia.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to our President Mr Manfred Cross AM, the Chairman of the Branch Executive the Honourable Glen Williams AO, the Branch Honorary Treasurer Mr Myles Stanley and the Branch Honorary Solicitor Mr Craig Ray for their continued support to Scouting in Queensland and to me in my role as Chief Commissioner.

This report would not be complete without acknowledging the work that the Members of our Branch Staff do in support of Scouting in Queensland and to each and every one of them I say a very sincere thank you for their dedication and for their commitment, which quite often extends outside of their normal working hours, and for the manner in which they provide support to Scouting in Queensland.

I also place on record my personal thanks to my Executive Assistant Linn Pihl, my Secretary Michelle Sodziak and the Assistant State Executive Officer Ryan Sodziak. These three people spend a tremendous number of hours in support of Scouting within the Queensland Branch and in support of me personally. To them I say a very sincere thank you.

My final thank you is one of expressing, on behalf of Scouting in Queensland, the Branch's gratitude to the many Adults both in a Leader role and in a Supporter role who make sure that Scouting continues to be available to the young people of Queensland. The contribution that these people make in my belief is outstanding, the time that they commit to the Scout Movement is tremendous and the dedication which they have to supporting the communities throughout Queensland through their involvement in the Scout Movement typifies the Scout Promise where we promise to do our best to our God, our country, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.



Program Operations

Youth Program

Joey Scout Section

During the past year the Joey Scout Leaders throughout the State have been busy providing fun, educational programs for the six (6) to eight (8) year olds in the Movement. Branch Commissioner Michele Johnson advises that the Section entered the 'Year of the Scout' with enthusiasm with many great programs, Sleepovers and Mob Holidays supporting the theme.

Many Groups, Districts and Regions used the Easter break to run family, Group, District and Region camps for all sections of the Movement.

The Joey Scout section of the Family Group Camp held at the Maryborough Showgrounds in conjunction with Kiwi Woggle was one of the great successes. Joey Scouts were busy and very active. They enjoyed the craft, games, songs and other activities as well as a walk through the Scout camp to observe the camp setup.

It was just amazing to see how a long cylinder, initially used as a didgeridoo, suddenly, with the addition of a crepe paper tail, could become a horse. This reaction has frequently been witnessed when Joey Scouts made puppets during other programs. Parents of the Joey Scouts were helpful and enthusiastic assistants during the camp.

Joey Scout Leaders have taken advantage of programs run by the Youth Activities team both at Baden Powell Park, Samford and at various places throughout the State. Joey Scouts have also been able to participate in great programs provided for the Section at Air Activities.

The seven year old Joey Scouts have been busy working on their Promise Challenge Badges. This is the only individual badge that Joey Scouts can earn. They may wear it into the Cub Scout section until they achieve their Grey Wolf badge. As a Mob, Joey Scouts may participate in four more Challenges. The four Mob Challenge badges may be worn on the uniform. There is no compulsion for any of the Challenges to be included in the program but do seem popular with the Joey Scouts and their Leaders.

Many Leaders take the opportunity to hold an ANZAC eve sleepover with the Youth Members participating in local ANZAC day marches and ceremonies. Joey Scouts may also wear the 'Their Service, Our Heritage' badge on their uniforms.

In August approximately 400 Joey Scouts, Leaders, parents and siblings dressed in various pirate 'fashions' arrived at Baden-Powell Park, Samford to participate in Joey Scout Jaunt. Exciting and varied pirate based activities were provided by the Joey Scout Leaders. The Samford Rural Fire Brigade, the Scout Supply Centre,

Stan's food van, and activities organised by the Members of the Branch Youth Program team were also an integral part of the day.

Joey Scouts in Cairns, Airlie Beach and Fraser District as well as many others have held successful Joey Scout Jaunts in their own parts of the State.

Joey Scout Leaders are continuing with their training. Holding training for several sections at the same time at the same venue has provided opportunities for Leaders to mix and learn about other sections.

It has also been a pleasure to be able to meet new Joey Scout Leaders and their families at the New Leader Receptions held throughout the year at Branch Headquarters.

A number of Joey Scout Leaders and their Mobs attended the Brisbane Gang Show Joey Scout/Cub Scout matinees at the Schonell theatre during the June/July school holidays. With a special ticket price for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts and lucky tickets for two \$100 prizes it was a happy, fun activity. A number of Joey Scout Leaders appeared in the cast and as Members of the support areas.

Cub Scout Section

Cub Scouts are very active Members of our Scouting Movement. Branch Commissioner Robyn Devine notes that with Membership regularly increasing in Packs the challenge for the future is to retain adequate Leader numbers to be able to continue to run successful programs that develop our Youth Members.

The Cub Scout Packs within the Regions actively participated in many and varied activities to support the deliverance of the Cub Scout Award Scheme.

Activities included:

- Centenary Camps to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Qld
- Waingunga Day celebrated during Children's Week
- Skillorama, Raftarama, Cub Scout Days, Activity Camps
- Pack holidays and sleepovers
- District and Region Cub Scout Leadership Courses
- District, Region and Group 10 year old camps – to encourage linking
- Visits to Troop nights and Pack Attacks from Joey Scouts within the Group
- Community activities including Clean up Australia, ANZAC Day Marches and Remembrance Day celebrations

These major activities are only part of the Cub Scout program; there were many Bronze, Silver and Gold Boomerangs achieved and many Special Interest Badges, Achievement Levels 1 and 2

earned. Over 300 Grey Wolf Awards were presented to Cub Scouts in Queensland this highlights how busy Cub Scouts have been during the last 12 months.

Cub Scouting provides exciting and fun interaction for our Youth Members and provides Leadership opportunities within a safe and social environment. Many Youth Members are provided with challenges that they have not previously experienced and the ability to develop independence and resilience are enthusiastically received. Cub Scouts love to explore, question and learn about themselves and the world around them, Leaders provide opportunities for our Youth Members to engage in these important activities with fun and passion.

Cub Scout Leaders need to be supported in the modern Scouting world as Pack Membership contains a variety of individuals all with their unique needs and diversity. The challenge for 2009 and beyond is to meet those needs in a real and tangible way.

The importance of linking and communication between Sections cannot be understated; activities that encourage interaction between Sections and Groups will assist with support for both Leaders and the Youth Members.

2010 will yield an interesting and exciting event the inaugural Queensland Cuboree, the impact this activity will have on the Cub Scout Section is yet to be determined but the goal is to increase the older Cub Scouts opportunities to continue on their Scouting journey and encourage them to link to Scouts to enhance their development.

Amidst this current economic uncertainty Youth Members need strong Leadership from organisations like Scouting to set the standards that they will base their life experiences on, skills learnt in Cub Scouts will hold them in good stead to face the challenges that life continues to bring. Cub Scout Leaders continue to provide solid, quality programs to meet the needs of the Cub Scouts and the Branch Team endeavours to continue to support the Cub Scout Leaders in these goals.

Cub Scouts are alive and well in Queensland and continues to grow and meet the challenges into the future for our Youth.

Scout Section

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

The Triple S camp was held in the June/July school holidays with 127 Patrols attending; this is an increase on previous years. All Scouts and most Leaders attended the Brisbane Gang Show, this year both Saturday Matinees were booked out. Generally the camping standards at Triple S were again at a good level.

This year Scoutout went out to the Regions, the first camp was held at Barrabadeen on the shores of Lake Tinaroo and the second was held at Rowallan Park on the outskirts of Mackay. Leaders and Youth Members worked together learning new skills and enjoying

camping in the great outdoors.

A large number of Scouts have earned the Australian Scout Medallion; the certificates for these awards were presented by the Chief at Branch Headquarters. Pieter attended a number of Australian Scout Medallion presentations throughout the year with the recent presentations being for three Scouts at Samford Scout Group and two at Oakleigh Scout Group.

Planning for the Jamboree at Cataract Scout Park in New South Wales is now in full swing, the applications are now flowing in with over 1,200 approved to attend. It is expected that these will increase to surpass the attendees at the last Jamboree at Elmore.

Regions and Districts were busy during the past year running their Standards Camps. Kiwi Woggle was held this year at a very wet and muddy site at Dunethin Rock; this did not bother the Scouts as they thrived in the conditions.

Several Scout Leadership Courses have been held. With Scouts needing this Course to complete the Australian Scout medallion we have seen Scouts go out of their Region to attend the Course.

Large numbers of Patrols again attended events such as Nighthawk and Butterfly. Nighthawk especially has consistently had large numbers attending. Pieter would like to thank and congratulate Ron Wallace for running Butterfly successfully for 20 years.

The Branch Section Council has been meeting regularly with the emphasis on the Scout Section Activities.

Venturer Scout Section

As in previous years, Venturers in Queensland enjoyed activities organised for them at District, Region and Branch levels. Some standout activities were the Southside May Venture at Canungra, organised by a committee of Venturer Scouts, and VenMX, a two day competition hike at Boonah, both conducted over the Labour Day long weekend. In August Scouts and 300 Venturers kept themselves warm at Operation Nighthawk, a night hike conducted on the Darling Downs. During the first two weeks of January, 118 Venturers and Leaders took part in the 14th Australian Venture at Fairbridge Village (near Pinjarra), an hour's drive south of Perth.

Venturers also spent time at events organised for them by the Rover section. In 2008 Roventure was run in April and in 2009 it was run in February. These camps seem to feature mud, man-made in 2008 and rain-made in 2009, as well as challenging or simply fun activities. In July, Urban Challenge, a race around Brisbane on foot or public transport, was a bewildering but useful exposure to mass public transport for many Venturers. As well as trying new activities, these events are intended to encourage Venturers to commit to advancing to Rovers when their time in Venturers comes to an end.

Being visible to Scouts is something the Venturer section needs to work on. Operation Nighthawk shows Scouts that activities they like doing can also be done when they advance to Venturers. The



purpose of a small team of Venturers running a base at Triple S in July was to chat to as many Scouts as possible so they are familiar with the similarities and differences between the two sections.

The focus of National Venturer Scout Program Team meetings for the past few years has been a periodic review of the Venturer section. This culminated in the launch of the approved changes at the Australian Venture in January. A major change is to adjust the award scheme so that Venturer units are encouraged to use the training and learning opportunities that are embodied in the Queen's Scout Award scheme as the basis of their regular programs.

During the period under review, 23 applications for the Queen's Scout Award were received and approved. Late in 2008, Branch Commissioner (Venturer Scouts) Phil McNicol was proud to introduce fifteen Venturer Scouts to the Queensland Governor and Chief Scout who presented them with their Queen's Scout Award certificates at a ceremony in the Investiture Room at Government House.

Venturer Unit Management courses have been conducted in the past year at Buderim, Cairns, Manly, Mackay, Auchenflower, Oakleigh, and Rockhampton with 78 Venturers in attendance (compared to 120 in 2007-08). Venturer Leadership courses have been conducted at Cairns, Landsborough, Gold Coast, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Townsville with 65 Venturers in attendance (compared to 90 in 2007-08).

Hopefully all this activity is a big part of the reason why Venturer numbers have grown from 644 in April 2008 to 732 in March 2009—an almost 14% growth.

Branch Commissioner Phil McNicol advises that for the 2009-10 Scouting year, the section's plans at a Branch level are primarily to maintain the numbers to which it grew in the past year and add on that. Strategies are to: run Camp LUII 2009 in July and Camp LUII 2010 in January (a week-long camp held to help Venturers learn some skills and progress with their Queen's Scout Award); introduce the changes in the Venturer system to Venturers and Leaders across the state; plan and promote Queensland Venture to run in June 2010; and plan and run BRAVSLAC, an activity camp for Venturer Leaders.

Rover Section

At the Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General meeting the following Rovers were elected to Executive positions for the ensuing year:



Jarrad McDonald - Chair of QBRE, Allison Mew - Deputy Chair, Cameron Stanley - Treasurer, Phillip Verner - Training & Development, Shaun Sandilands - Promotions & Service, Daniel Bourman - Communications, and Hans Yates - Awards. The committee's main goals included improving communication, financial management, promotion of Rovering and a renewed focus on Service.

The June Long Weekend saw the annual running of both the Central Queensland June Moot camp and the Victorian Rovers Mudbash event with QLD Rovers well represented at both events.

In July Gap Rover Shaun Sandilands ran a highly successful Urban Challenge attended by over 250 Venturers. The event concluded at Queensland Scout Centre and was combined with a dinner to celebrate the end of the 90 years of Rovers celebrations.

In August Stafford Rover Crew ran Billy Bash. The event also provided an opportunity for Queensland Rovers to "boot" former BC Rovers David Danslow and again thank him for all of the hard work and effort that he has put into the Rover Section in the last few years.

In September Rovers from several crews again supported the Branch Agoonoree in a number of roles.

During the first half of the year Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown served as acting Branch Commissioner Rovers. During November senior Members of the Rover Section interviewed several candidates for the position of Branch Commissioner Rovers. On 19 Dec 2008, the Chief Commissioner announced the appointment of Branch Advisor Youth Forums Gavin Brady as Branch Commissioner Rovers.

Rovers Jarrad McDonald, Allison Mew, Shaun Sandilands, Cameron Stanley and acting BC Rovers Kirsty Brown travelled to Perth for the National Rover Council annual meeting. Discussions included preparation of new online training materials and workshops on Rover promotions, Membership, major events and the National Rover Council Constitution.

The 25th Anniversary Banana Bash 2009 was held at Karingal Scout Campsite over the Australia Day long weekend and was a great success thanks to Phillip Verner and his committee. Over 400 people attending on Visitor's Day. The Sports Sedan Class was won by "gecko" Clifton Hill Rover Crew, Buggies was won by "thumpa" Downlands Rover Crew and Super Sedans was won by "tonka" Wahminda Park Rover Crew. The Rover Section greatly appreciated the opportunity, for the first time, to conduct this event at a Scout Campsite. The support and assistance of the Karingal Campsite Manager and staff greatly assisted the smooth running of the event.

Roverture was held at Murrenbong Scout Campsite, in March with over 100 in attendance. The event, led by Sandgate Rover Daniel Bourman, aims to promote Rovering to the Venturer Section. A packed program of activities was organised for the participants and the feedback from the Venturers in attendance was extremely positive.

In April over 250 Rovers attended the annual St. George's Ball, organised by Brisbane Inner City Rover Crew. The evening was a tremendous success with this year's Rover Service Award being presented to former Capalaba Rover Peter Shields.

On Anzac day over 40 Rovers attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Cenotaph.

The Baden Powell Award was presented to 4 Rovers during the year.

Program Support

Air Activities

Since the loss of the Air Activity Centre we have continued to provide Air Activity Courses to the Youth of the organization utilizing the facilities provided by the Royal Queensland Aero Club, and once again many thanks for their involvement as without their continued support we would be in a very different situation. One can honestly say that although the provided premises are not as homely as previous, the Leaders of all sections are coping well and settled into a routine with the necessary modifications to their courses. We continually look forward to operating out of our own Scout Association Air Activity Complex in the future.

The courses are not reaching their maximum numbers and we are commencing a survey of all Scout Groups, Cub Packs and Joey Mobs who have attended so that we can specifically identify those who are not giving their Youth the opportunity to attend an aeronautical experience. However one must take into account the current economic situation and realize that we are operating in a very special and expensive environment, the Aviation Industry.

Last but not least I would like to thank the Leaders, Pilots and Flying Operations staff for their dedication and support through the past year, as without their individual contribution the Air Activity Formation would not function. They are there for the benefit of the Youth, hoping that the Youth depart from each and every course with enthusiasm and excitement as to what they can individually achieve in the future.

Culture

BRISBANE GANG SHOW

The 2008 Season of Brisbane Gang Show was a great success on a number of fronts, including the fact that we were able to manage a record cast and also achieve above Budget Income from the 2008 Season.

The current season of Brisbane Gang Show has seen the re-appointment of Craig Ray as Executive Director and Geoffrey Doo as Producer.

The 2009 Season of the Show has resulted in a great number of applications for auditions and a cast of 104.

We have continued to expand our training, not only to the Youth Members, but also to the Support Members of the Brisbane Gang Show with Section Head Training Days.

We have also continued to encourage a closer link between the support and backstage personnel and the cast.

The 2009 Season also has resulted in us exploring some additional

initiatives, including introducing a Wednesday matinee, engaging in Radio advertising and bringing the commencement time of the Show back to 7.30 pm.

Environmental Education

The Environment Education Team lead by Branch Commissioner Judy Seymour has had a satisfying year delivering programs to a large number of Youth Members.

The Groups range from around South East Queensland – Maleny, Caloundra, Kawana and Bunya District to Burleigh Heads, Ipswich and Laidley.

Bunya District incidentally, really made their trip to town pay, by doing their Boating badge at Brownsea in the daylight and the World Conservation Badge in the evening at Erapah the next day.

Weed Bust Camp led to some Scouts and Venturers, after initial work at Erapah, taking on the project of revamping their own Den grounds.

Venturer Scouts from Albany Creek and Dayboro have really taken on the weeding and re-vegetation message using this work as part of the Queen's Scout Awards requirements.

Highlights at Erapah were the 80th Birthday of the site as a Scout camp site. We were delighted to be able to contact many retired Scouters who had done their Leader training at Erapah. We celebrated with a BBQ and cake and reminiscing.

An open day for the public was held 2 months later and we were able to welcome many local residents who had never been on site before.

Many brought a tree from a nursery and came back later to plant it at an appropriate time. The future development of this camp was discussed later at a community consultation day.

Erapah opened its gates to many international guests this year as the local Catholic Church was host to many pilgrims coming for the Pope's visit. After morning tea and guided walks they all planted trees.

Elsewhere the team has worked at Skillorama, visited Venturer Scout projects, attended Branch Youth Team Meetings, Queensland Scout Centre open nights, Founder's Day and Gang Show and participated in conference calls with other environment teams.

This year we have introduced a self-evaluating environmental audit. This is called "Reducing Your Carbon Footprint" and encourages Groups, not only to be proactive environmentally, but also to help their own budget. The audit can be downloaded from the Branch website; a certificate will also be issued to participating Groups.



Heritage

The Heritage Team has had another busy year with the ongoing Centenary Celebrations in Queensland carrying on from the 100 year celebrations in 2007.

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

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

The year has seen an increase in Heritage Team Members with a number of new volunteers for the Heritage Centre Guides and assistance from the Valley Branch of the Baden-Powell Guild providing guides at the Heritage Centre once a month on a roster.

The Heritage Archival Reference Centre continues to receive material of an historical nature from a range of sources including



Groups and individuals. The Queensland Centenary Celebrations has meant the requests for information of an historical nature has continued to keep the archive staff busy. Request have been received from individuals, usually doing family history, Groups, researching their history and finding past members for Group celebrations and members of Branch researching information for presentations.

The Heritage Team was involved in a number of displays at events throughout south east Queensland. They were invited to provide displays for the following, the Woodland Fayre held at Marburg, Bramble Bay District Rally at Geebung, Eprapah Centenary Celebrations, and Taringa-Milton-Toowong Group 100 year celebrations at the Group Den, Ashworth Nursing Home and Waingunga Day at Geebung.

The Team also provided material for displays at the Exhibition and for the West Centenary Scout Group which held an activity celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Jindalee Jamboree.

As a result of the History Wall Challenge, Heritage Team Members were invited to attend two functions. Noosa Sea Scouts has established a History Walk around the perimeter of the park adjacent to their den and the Nambour and District Scout Association have a Heritage Pathway at the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp & Water Activities Centre.

The annual Picnic in the Park activity was held in August at Baden-Powell Park and as August 1908 saw the start of Scouting in Queensland, the opportunity was taken to celebrate our 100th birthday with a birthday cake which was cut by the Chief Commissioner, Maurice Law and the Branch President, Manfred Cross.

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.

The team consist of the Branch Commissioner Paul Rollason and 6 Branch Advisors and the team is part of the Youth Programs Team.

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/e-mails can occur to enable our Members to communicate with fellow Scouts from all around the world.

Jamboree of the Air and Jamboree of the Internet activities is coordinated by Branch Advisor Ian Lightbody. This event takes place in October of each year and Ian's role is to promote this event and follow up on various requests. Ian takes great pride in this event. Several amateur radio clubs offered their assistance in 2008 for the event to make it a continued success. The day continues to be a success.

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

We have recently re-recruited Scott Edwards as Branch Advisor for SISEP (Student International Scout Exchange Program). Over the Easter weekend the team interviewed three applicants for the SISEP exchange in 2009-10. We are very pleased to announce that all three will be participating this year with two going to Denmark and 1 to Japan. This is a very pleasing result.

The team also writes regular articles ("International Inklings") in Encompass 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 (1 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 advises that further progress has been made in the delivery of Vocational Education Training (VET) in specialist outdoor activity skills within Queensland Branch this year.

Additional Guide and Instructor appointments have been made - Guide (1 abseiling, 1 canoeing/kayaking); Instructor (6 abseiling, 1 bushwalking, 3 canoeing/kayaking). This brings the total to Guide (11 abseiling, 1 bushwalking, 14 canoeing/kayaking) and Instructor (15 abseiling, 7 bushwalking, 19 canoeing/kayaking).

Guides and Instructors have commenced running VET courses in abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing/kayaking and Specialist Outdoor Activities common core skills across the State. Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Leaders interested in obtaining specialist outdoor activities skills are becoming familiar with the training workbooks and are developing logbooks to demonstrate competency in their field of interest. A number of Statements of Attainment have been issued to Members who have completed a course.

The Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee has provided technical



and policy support to abseiling, bushwalking, four-wheel driving, pioneering and water activities throughout the Branch.

Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Team, under the leadership of Branch Commissioner Melita Goff, 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.

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. The team ran a number of activities during the year including Activity Camps, a bike bungle and Orienteering day. 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.

Support has been provided by running activities at events such as: Triple S and New Leader receptions. 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 Agoonoree, providing support in various areas of the camp. Members of the team have also been active in other areas such as Gang Show, Wonargo Revue and helping at Murrenbong Camp Site..



Development

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

Assistant Chief Commissioner Community Development Bryan Brown reports of activities from within his portfolio:

Scoutreach Lones

Over the past twelve months the Membership in each section of Scout Reach Lones has dropped. Group Leader Di Randerson reports that currently there are 37 Members made up of Joey Scouts 2, Cub Scouts 10, Scouts 15, Venturer Scouts 7, and Rovers 3. Two Leaders and 5 Youth Members attended the Maleny Anzac Day Celebrations and helped with serving lunch at the RSL Maleny.

The main activities for the year were Triple S for 6 of the Scout Section and the annual Group Family Camp held at BP Park in the second week of the September holidays. Twenty eight Youth Members attended the camp with eight Adult Members of the families. Four of the Members are traveling around Australia and participate in various activities with local Groups. An introductory letter for these Youth Members "saying that the registration and insurance for that year is paid" had to be prepared by the Chief Commissioner to enable these Members to visit. This has been asked for this as Groups are very wary letting Youth Members join in their activities unless they have proof that they are covered by insurance and registration is paid. They continue Scouting by correspondence or by Email.

A new Scout Leader from Muttaborra has been signed up and John Palmer has kindly accepted to be the Personal Leader Adviser as Longreach is only one and a half hours drive from Muttaborra.

AFRICAN SCOUTS

Acting Group Leader Elijah Harari reports that apart from Scouting principles the African Scouts intend developing, maintaining and promoting the wellbeing of African Australians, improving their abilities in Education, Employment and Business opportunities through training and networks of Australian and ethnic businesses.

The Group is developing the Rover Section with the aim to undertake training in Leadership to establish the operational frame work for engaging new Scouts Leaders.

The Group Leaders' role will be to develop the African Scouts focusing on its three objectives

1. To develop further the provision of accessible Scouting to all areas of Brisbane
2. To continue to build a Youth and Adult Membership which is more representative of the diversity across Brisbane and
3. To develop effective outreach programmes taking Scouting forward into new communities, new places in different ways, in areas of greatest need.

Community Inclusion Project - CIP Coordinator - Hamdi Aden the African Scouts' Community Inclusion Project -CIP works to form a network of active and efficient networks, working for positive changes in education, employment health sports and recreations programs.

2009 will be focused exclusively on the need to take courageous steps and break taboos on all sides, changing realities on the ground and effecting real change, it will certainly not be easy, but we simply have no time to lose.

BRISBANE FIRST CHINESE GROUP

Brisbane First Chinese Scouts continues to operate from the PCYC in Fortitude Valley. The Membership has dropped a little since Christmas and Group Leader Wong Chi Kim is working to rebuild the Group as many young people and their families have returned back home (overseas), a number of young people and Leaders from this Group plan to attend the Indigenous Chinese Jamboree in Taiwan later this year.

VIETNAMESE SCOUTS

Unfortunately both Vietnamese Scout Scouts remain closed but rumour has it that Dong Da has reopened unofficially in the Richlands Vietnamese community. This is being investigated.

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 next year 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 because of duty of care issues 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 special needs and to encourage more Leaders to find out more about the Agoonoree.

ACC Development Dennis Brockman reports on his portfolio

Scout Fellowships

Currently there are five Scout fellowships attached to Branch with a Membership of approximately 35 Members.

The Water Activities Scout Fellowship continues to be busy with their monthly activities while 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

Silkwood Scout Group

Dennis Brockman reports on his support for the establishment of the Silkwood Scout Group over the past six months at the Steiner School on the Gold Coast. Dennis has been working with the Group to form the Cub Scouts and Scout Troop under fairly difficult circumstances. This Group is currently attached to Branch rather than within the local District. Long term it is hoped that this Group will be welcomed back within the District. Dennis has arranged for the Group to attend Regional events to enhance their profile.

GENERAL

STAPLES

The STAPLES program has not been reactivated during the past year despite valiant efforts by Project Commissioner Joe Barrett In conjunction with the Inala PCYC, Project Commissioner Joe Barrett has started a Didgeridoo Club. The club first met in 2008 and it is hoped that these Members will be integrated into the Scout Program in the future. Michelle Weaver who assisted Joe has resigned during the year.

AGOONOREE

Agoonoree 2008 Camp Chief Michele Johnson reports on a very

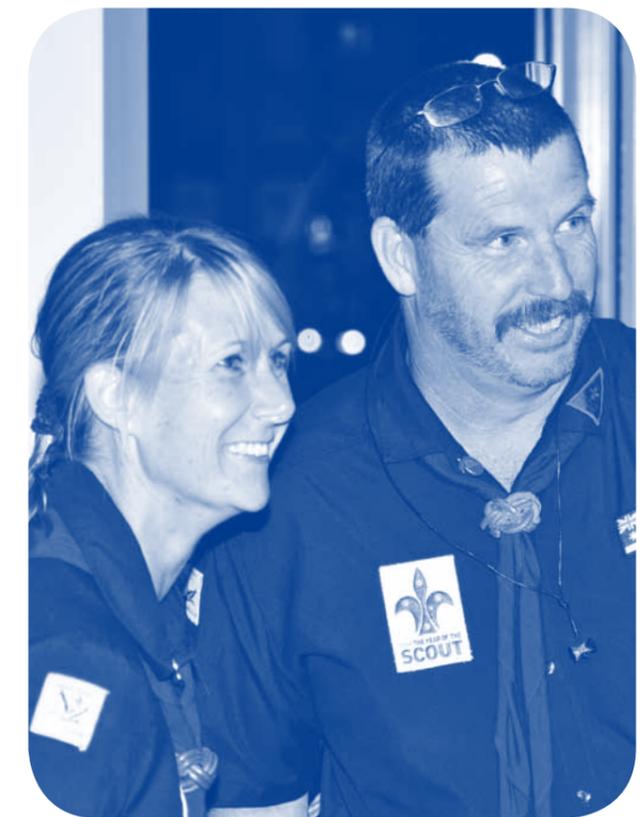
successful Agoonoree 2008 last September and that the planning for the 2009 Agoonoree is underway. The theme this year will be 'Storybook Magic' developed from ideas suggested by two Scouts who attended the 2008 Agoonoree.

'Guest' forms and information has been sent to Special Schools, Special Education Programs and some former campers after the Easter break. The Guests invited to attend Agoonoree are both male and female and aged between eleven and fourteen which enables them to participate in patrols of like aged Scouts and Guides.

Most Scouting and Guiding personnel return to camp each year but we are always pleased to welcome new Members to the camp. Leaders can come from any Section and would also be welcome to attend the Venturer/Guide Pre-Camp in August where the program concentrates on the purpose of the various roles and their contribution to the camp and some Disability Awareness sessions.

Outside the Branch and the Development portfolio Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown OAM continues her involvement at World and Asia Pacific Region level

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Resources

Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen reports that the year started with all formations within the Resources Portfolio having almost the same personnel continue from the previous year. While all formations have low staffing numbers, and average ages are getting no younger, the personnel are extremely dedicated to individual roles, and attain goals way beyond expectations

Again this year Des acknowledges the valuable contributions of all Members of Campsite and Activity Centre Committees and staffs who ensure the ongoing viability of these assets.

Early in the year, Branch Commissioner Ian McLeary and Des ratified Air Activities equipment with a view to releasing the ex Archerfield demountable building for use at Karingal for Caretaker accommodation. A large amount of accommodation related equipment was released for use to other formations, while programme related equipment was transported to Karingal where the Manager Karingal arranged secure storage for future retrieval by the Air Activities Team. The Air Activities building has been set up at Karingal and is a valuable addition to the Administration facilities. The Air Activities Team continues to operate out of Royal Qld. Aero Club at Archerfield, and report that the arrangement is working well at present

Murrenbong Campsite Committee had a busy and fruitful year. Facilities upgrade included installation of larger capacity water mains around the Pack Shelter and workshop areas of the Campsite and subsequent improvement of fire fighting facilities. Additionally, during the year this committee commissioned and fitted out a large colorbond workshop / activity shed, and carried out numerous building and site maintenance procedures. Murrenbong attracts reasonably high patronage both from our Membership and other users, including Laser Skirmish along with several schools and cadet units. During the past year, Murrenbong hosted an extremely large Jota / Joti Camp, as well as several large District Camps. As the Financial Year came to a close, the resident Caretakers notified the committee that they wished to give due notice of their intent to step down in July of 2009, the Committee began the procedure of seeking replacement Caretakers. Indications are that all Committee roles will be filled for the coming year.

Brownsea Activity Centre continues as a major venue for Pack and Mob Holidays. Due to its proximity to bike and walking paths and Shorncliffe Railway, the centre is becoming more popular as a base for bike hikes, rambles and fishing activities as well as its long established water activities. The dedicated band of people who staff the Centre as Committee / Leaders, each year program several Activity Days for Cub Scout Packs and Joey Scout Mobs. These days include raft and model boat building and rides in canoes and sailing craft. Additionally the Centre also conducts both night and early morning canoe activities, "Try Sail" days, and the traditional canoeing / kayaking weekend camps.

Wonargo Cultural Centre Committee continues to work for most of the year as an extremely small band, maintaining the Building and contents, and planning replacement facilities. Additionally where possible they hire the hall to other users. They are currently planning for a replacement Costume Storage Shed and later, a replacement toilet and ablutions block. This committee also provides the support personnel for Wonargo Revue. As Revue rehearsals begin, the committee numbers gradually increase as more parents of cast Members become involved, until at show time, the "committee" consists of more than a hundred people. After the Revue finishes, most parents return to their home Groups, and ongoing tasks fall again to the small permanent band. Income for this committee comes principally from Revue ticket sales as well as hall hire and a few other fund raising activities. The committee funds in total, the production of the Revue.

Eprapah Campsite continues to be maintained to a major degree by Keith Anderson and John Lowe, both of whom are Members of the Eprapah Fellowship, and are afforded assistance by Community Service Workers, and other Members of the Fellowship. Although the Campsite and Pack Shelter attract relatively low camper numbers, the site still requires ongoing

maintenance. Without Keith's and John's labours, much of this work would remain not done. Advice has been received that substantial portions of the elevated boardwalks is beginning to deteriorate to the extent that they will need to be taken out of service in the not too distant future.

Karingal Campsite has enjoyed elevated usage from Scouting and other activities during the past year. These activities will be spoken of by others within this report. At the end of the Scouting year, Karingal, Eprapah, and Baden Powell Park Campsites along with Brownsea Activity Centre, were all being evaluated for installation of Federally funded rainwater tanks.

Again this year, Des pays tribute to our many uniformed and non uniformed personnel who give so willingly of their time and

resources to ensure the viability of our several Campsites and Activity Centres, with their associated programs and physical resources. Without these people, our movement would not be as well placed as it is in providing our Youth with challenging and exciting activities.

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Training Development

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford reports the year under review has been an extremely busy rewarding year for the Training Team.

Once again one of the highlights at the beginning of the year was the combined Skills Training 2 and 3 Courses held over the May long weekend. A special Wood Badge Course was also held on this weekend for the seven participants who participated in the Look Far Look Wide Patrol Trip to the United Kingdom.

Jean also reports her attendance at the two National Training Committee Meetings and also her participation on a working Group to review the impact of the new BSB07 package on our Certificate and Diploma training. As a consequence of these weekends the Queensland Training Team Members took on extra work to support National Training, this related to reviewing all documentation for the Certificate III. The review found that there has been very little change with most certificate III units. However three units did require changes to marking guides and assessment methods, the team met the timelines and are to be congratulated.

During the June Leader Trainer Meeting the trainers successfully completed the internal audit under the new AQTF2007 standards in preparation for the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) audit which is scheduled for later this year.

During the year a number of initiatives were undertaken by the team:

1. Leaders in the Central Western Region to trial a modified Skills 3 Course to assist Leaders in remote areas in completing their Wood Badge Training. Leaders instead of attending a full weekend course will be required to complete a work book and then attend a one day course. This trial will be available to Leaders in remote locations during 2009 after which it will be assessed for effectiveness.
2. Leaders to be identified who have completed their Wood Badge Course but never completed the project these Leaders will be given an opportunity to complete a project and receive their Wood Badge.
3. Leaders who have been in the movement for period greater than 5 years and have never completed the Wood Badge Course will be invited to attend a one day workshop, complete a project to achieve their Wood Badge.

During the period under review Scouts Association Institute of Training entered a co provider relationship with St John Ambulance for the delivery of Certificate IV Training and Assessment. This will replace Scouts Train the Trainer program and provide an opportunity for Leaders to receive accredited training.

Work also commenced during the period to explore the potential for Leaders to have the option of undertaking a dual pathway in relation to Certificate III. This will mean removing the nexus between the completions of the Cert III with the issuing of the Certificate of Adult Leadership.

The annual team conference focused on personal development in the areas of First Aid and Life Saving Skills. Over the weekend thirty team Members successfully completed the requirements for advanced resuscitation, nineteen team Members completing the requirements for Remote First Aid. With a further fourteen team Members completed the requirements of Royal Life Association's Grey Medallion. A special thank you must be extended to Dr Richard Franklin from Royal Life who worked with Team Members during Saturday on the Grey Medallion and then shared his Scouting experiences as the guest speaker at Saturday's dinner. Thanks also to St John for providing three very experienced instructors to deliver the Remote First Aid Course. Also special thanks must be extended to Vice President Professor John Pearn who took time out of his busy schedule to join the team on Saturday night to present the First Aid qualification.

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

Qualifications issued	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Certificate III	31	72	137
Certificate IV	15	22	38
Diploma		1	0

During the year the following Leaders were appointed to the Queensland Team as Assistant Leader Trainers and Assessors.

- ALT Jonathan Barford (Western Region)
- ALT Trevor Gray (Darling Downs)
- ALT Dianne Fewtrell (Far Northern Region)
- ALT Ryan Sodziak (Brisbane)
- ALT Pamela Kydd (Capricorn Region)
- ALT Marggie Wilson (Capricorn Region)
- ALT Peter Rasmussen (Capricorn Region)

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Special Duties

Deputy Chief Commissioner Iain Furby reports that Bundaberg District is going from strength to strength and continues to provide its Youth Members with a wide range of challenging activities, including a well-organized Soapbox Derby run by Bundaberg South. The community also knows that Scouting continues to play an important role in the development of young people. All Groups have supported a number of community activities such as Australia Day and Anzac Day celebrations

During the year, ongoing discussions concerning the Lake Ellen project have occurred. The Lake Ellen Heritage Hub is a community built playground, bicycle safety training course, bicycle skills course and heritage hub being constructed at Lake Ellen on the eastern side of the city of Bundaberg. The project has a budget of \$750,000 and is jointly funded by The Federal Government's Regional Partnerships Programme, The Queensland State Government, The Bundaberg Regional Council, and the Bundaberg Community. It is themed to the multi-cultural diversity of early pioneers of Bundaberg and the significance of the Sugar Industry in Bundaberg's growth. Information provided at the Hub will speak of the contribution of different cultures that make Bundaberg the diverse multi-cultural community it is today. The site will offer a wide range of activities for the family to participate in as they visit the site.

The activities that patrons will be able to enjoy include - a liberty swing designed for people in wheelchairs; a toddlers play area; swings; a large playground consisting of a simulated cane train and carriages complete with station; a huge climbing net; a maze; a special needs fitness zone; a bicycle safety training course; a bicycle skills course; a major shelter shed together, with two smaller sheds, designed as a meeting place for community Groups; 750m of concrete walking paths.

Bundaberg District Scouts and their families and supporters have made a commitment to help complete the playground when it is constructed in the not too distant future. Late in the year, the project finally got started and Members of the District played their part in erecting the equipment and laying the turf around the various activities. Their work was valued by the organizers of the project and special mention of the help that Scouting provided was made at the official opening.

Iain has continued to write articles for ScoutAbout/Encompass designed to help the Members of the Association work through the Duty to God part of their programming. Iain has also helped some Districts with their presentation of various activities relating to spiritual development for their District Training Meetings. The Leaders involved have appreciated these activities and are willing to try them in their Groups.

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

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Scouting In Isolated Indigenous Communities Program



Northern Peninsula Area

NEW MAPOON

During the Year a Scout Group has been opened in New Mapoon, currently with 6 Leaders and 30 registered Youth. Meetings are held at the local Youth centre and camps and activities are also held during the school holiday period. Elders are encouraged to participate in the programs which include Cultural and Traditional activities.

SEISIA

Meetings are combined for the younger sections and the Venturer Scouts are meeting as a part of the Church Youth Group. The Amalgamation of the five Northern Peninsula Area Councils is still impacting on how the Groups in Bamaga, Umagico and Injinoo operate. Consultation is taking place in the communities to find a solution to work around the loss of facilities and Leaders. Scouts also participated in the ANZAC Day Parade.

Other Programs

During the Christmas School holiday period the Scout Program was offered in Coen and Hopevale. The Wet Season Programme was a part of the "Kids Living Safe Lives Program", sponsored by the Cape AFL and Indigenous Co-ordination Council.

A Scout Program was also run in Coen during the Easter School holidays in conjunction with the PCYC. A Scout Group will be set up in Coen, following on from this and the "Wet Season Program"

A Mapoon Leader and his daughter attended the Taiwan Indigenous Scout Jamboree, early in 2009. This lifetime experience may benefit both the individuals attending and the community.

Program Evaluation

A Program evaluation has taken place in Queensland with the communities of Mapoon, Napranum, Seisia, New Mapoon, Bamaga, Umagico and Injinoo being visited and contact being made with many Adults, Leaders and Youth of the community.

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Western Cape

MAPOON

In Mapoon, there are 5 Leaders and 26 young people attending the Joey and Cub Scout program. These meetings are run by three of the Scout Leaders every second Saturday morning for four hours. A camp was held over the Anzac Day weekend. The Mapoon Scouts were at the centre of the program. Some of the children spoke and did so in front of a large crowd. This was very well received by the community. The Scouts participated in the ANZAC Day march. The Leaders are progressing with training and four Leaders have almost completed their Wood Badge.

NAPRANUM

Four people are providing core support for the program and two others are interested in starting a Venturer Scout Unit. The Scout programs for the younger children are building community confidence and teaching the value of Scouting. Leadership training has been conducted in Napranum. Leaders from both Napranum and Mapoon communities attended. The Napranum and Mapoon Leaders are running inter-community activities. Other strategies to promote this interaction at a District level include camps and other networking opportunities.

2008 Awards

Queen's Scout Awards	
Sinead Argent	Hinkler East Scout Group
Tegan Ball	Tarragindi Scout Group
Nicholas Bozza	Withcott Scout Group
Steffi Brown	Wishart Chester Scout Group
Cheyne Buckley	Clifton Hill Scout Group
Murray Chapman	Sunnybank Scout Group
Henry Coates	Sherwood Scout Group
Thomas Coulson	Rosewood Scout Group
Angela Cunliffe	Withcott Scout Group
Hamish Davie	St Johns Wood Scout Group
Tamara Delorenzi	Mount Isa Scout Group
Louisa Dittman	Queens Park Scout Group
Tavis Edmondstone	Withcott Scout Group
Jonathan Fawkes	Dalby-Yuborra Scout Group
Matthew Goldsworthy	Nashville Scout Group
Christopher Harman	Parkwood Heights
Annie Hindmarsh	Noosa Sea Scout Group
Tristram Jackson	Mount Bruce Scout Group
Thomas Kazakoff	Caboolture Scout Group
Zoe Keane	2nd Toowoomba Scout Group
Samuel Knipe	Withcott Scout Group
Trent Lyon	Sherwood Scout Group
Xavier Musson	Labrador Scout Group
Amy Osmond	Woodford Scout Group
John Rodgers	Shailer Park Scout Group
Leon Ross	Nashville Scout Group
Nicole Ryan	Loam Island Scout Group
Cameron Saal	Glenvale Scout Group
Kayt Scott	Mount Cotton Scout Group

Troy Smith	Burnside Scout Group
Shannon Stinten	Withcott Scout Group
Peter Tarnawski	Wynnum Scout Group
Raimond Tyson	Priestdale Scout Group
Kelli Wardle	Oakleigh Scout Group
Nicholas Wellauer	Pamphlett Scout Group
Breanne Wiggins	Mount Cotton Scout Group
James Wood	Withcott Scout Group

Baden Powell Awards

Matthew Fisher	Victoria Point Scout Group
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Silver Kangaroo

Ronald Ash	Charles S Snow District
Helen Whittington	Far North Region

National President's Award

Glen Williams AO	Queensland Branch
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Silver Emu

John Cazez	Gordon Park Scout Group
Ernie Chesterton	Moreton Region
Wilhelmina Everingham	Scoutreach Lones Scout Group
Patricia Ireland	Moreton Region
Barry Keleher	Darling Downs Region
Roslyn Lund	Suncoast Region
John Morrison	Grovely Scout Group
Owen Stewart	John Oxley District
Mary Wallace	Central and Coastal Region

Silver Koala

Pamela Budge	Nambour District
Andrew Cartwright	Roma Scout Group



Richard Clarkson	Lawnton Scout Group
Gail Dittman	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group
Margaret Flecker	Wulguru Scout Group
Gail Forrest	Boondall Scout Group
Sandra Hemming	Queensland Branch International Team
Michele Johnson	Queensland Branch
Philip McNicol	Queensland Branch
Graham Mitchell	Scoutreach Lones Scout Group
Arthur Moseley	Malanda Scout Group
Judith Nelson	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Leslie Otto	Moreton Region
George Rowlinson	Brisbane North Region
John Sawtelle	Kenmore Scout Group
John Smart	Bunya District
John St Clair	Goondiwindi Scout Group

Distinguished Service Award

Michael Chalker	Tara Scout Group
Noel Sparrow	Youth Activities

Silver Wattle

Julie Bennell	Cleveland Scout Group
Diana Bidstrup	Jandowae Scout Group
Karen Binstead	Maleny Scout Group
Joann Brzozowski	Banksia Scout Group
Rebecca Chalker	Tara Scout Group
Carol Conboy	Lowood Scout Group
Malcolm Crozier	Emerald Scout Group
Ruth Deasy	Far North Region
Geoffrey Doo	Queensland Branch
Walter Douglas	Central and Coastal Region
Kevin Downey	Samford Scout Group
James Fuller	Blackwater Scout Group

Janet Hall	Sir Leslie Wilson District
Leslie Hall	Wahminda Park Scout Group
Debora Holland	Palm Beach Scout Group
Maree Jaenke	Moreton Region
Geoffrey Jesshope	Central and Coastal Region
Judith Johnson	Central and Coastal Region
Stephen Kydd	Capricorn Region
Sydney Mainland	Palm Beach Scout Group
Robert Matthews	Oxley Scout Group
Ewan Mccrum	Far North Region
Nathan Mcelroy	Roma Scout Group
Suzanne Otto	Moreton Region
Amanda Reynolds	Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group
Gloria Robinson	Lowood Scout Group
Debra Shaw	Wynnum Scout Group

Outstanding Service Award

Karyn Askew	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Derek Billingsley	Far North Region
Elwyn Rook	Fraser District
Barbara Scott	Moreton Region
Eric Scott	Moreton Region
John Scott	Moreton Region
Rosemarie Scott	Moreton Region
Brian Shields	Central and Coastal Region
Thelma Shields	Central and Coastal Region
Gwendolyne Weatherley	Moranbah Scout Group

Silver Arrowhead

John Adamson	Sir Leslie Wilson District
Andrew Bartholomew	Narangba Scout Group
Kathleen Best	Bayview Scout Group
Maria Brooker	Redbank Plains Scout Group

Janet Brown	Moranbah Scout Group
William Brown	Moranbah Scout Group
Helen Dekkers	Oakleigh Scout Group
Gary Dicks	Tara Scout Group
Tanya Dittmann	Laidley Scout Group
Peter Doyle	Logan and Bay Region
Shirley Doyle	Logan and Bay Region
Henry Eastment	Darling Downs Region
Raymond Hall	Atkinson District
Joanne Hamilton	Kennedy Region
Sheila Hind	Camira Scout Group
Ronald Laffin	Central & Coastal Region Scout Fellowship
Wayne Lander	Atkinson District
Peter Lassman	Burnside Scout Group
Bruce Lenahan	Central and Coastal Region
Mark Mangles	Loam Island
Steven Marshall	Nerang Scout Group
David Mcevoy	Queensland Branch International Team
Warren Morgan	Nashville Scout Group
Andrew Pennington	Mount Isa Scout Group
Ray Powell	Kenmore Scout Group
Julie Ramsden	Moreton Region
Debra Robinson	Paradise Point Scout Group
Philip Robinson	Paradise Point Scout Group
Paul Rollason	Queensland Branch
Gordon Rollinson	Central & Coastal Region Scout Fellowship
Elizabeth Seymour	Goondi Scout Group
Kim Shelley	Dalby-Yumborra Scout Group

Certificate Of Merit

Toni Adams	Laidley Scout Group
Wendy Adcock	Taroom Scout Group

Kathryn Ball	Whitsunday Coast Scout Group
Craig Barrett	Laidley Scout Group
Elizabeth Barrett	Samford Scout Group
David Beal	West Centenary Scout Group
Julie Beal	West Centenary Scout Group
Mary Blackburn	Esk Scout Group
Lesley Bullemor	Bowen Scout Group
David Camus	Oakleigh Scout Group
Natalie Coggins	Woombye Scout Group
Deborah Dean	Kirwan Scout Group
John Dean	Kirwan Scout Group
Karen Denning	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Craig Dennis	Burnside Scout Group
Janet Dickenson	Sir Leslie Wilson District
Adrian Duff	Yandina Scout Group
Donna Durham	Gatton Scout Group
Margaret Farmer	Samford Scout Group
Anthony Fewtrell	Northern Beaches Scout Group
Robert Findlay	West Centenary Scout Group
Joseph Forni	Oakleigh Scout Group
Ann Franklin	Karalee Scout Group
Roland Franz	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Ernest Garton	Atkinson District
Janene Gentner	Oakleigh Scout Group
Deborah Gibbs	Albany Creek Scout Group
John Hartin	Ashmore Scout Group
Lisa Hartin	Ashmore Scout Group
Marion Haselden	Woombye Scout Group
Deborah Hayman	Goodna Scout Group
Heather Hodda	Sarina Scout Group
Neil Jensen	Goodna Scout Group
Heather Jeppesen	Maryborough West Scout Group
Ain Kuru	Samford Scout Group



Elizabeth Lack	Samford Scout Group
Peta Lanham	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Yu Sik Leung	Brisbane First Chinese Scout Group
Wendy Macdonald	Morayfield Scout Group
Glenn Magick	Roma Scout Group
Fiona McIntyre	Kenmore Scout Group
Wayne Mckeich	Edge Hill Scout Group
Ranee Mckenzie	Woodridge Scout Group
Karen Meyers	Helensvale Scout Group
Dierdre Moroney	Tennyson Scout Group
Robyn Myles	Crows Nest Scout Group
Kym Neal	Roma Scout Group
Gregory Nicoll	Everton Park Scout Group
Robert O'donohue	Goodna Scout Group
Zoe O'donohue	Goodna Scout Group
Jennifer Pain	Algester Scout Group
Megan Palmer	Roma Scout Group
Chesley Parker	Albany Creek Scout Group
Carmen Pedroni	Mission Beach Scout Group
Benjamin Rankin	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
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Adam Sears	Capalaba Scout Group
Mark Shaw	Woodlands Scout Group
David Smith	Kirwan Scout Group
Michelle Smith	Kirwan Scout Group
Lisa Spelta	Petrie Scout Group

Barry Spratt	Central and Coastal Region
Gloria Spratt	Central and Coastal Region
Jennifer Stephens	Morayfield Scout Group
Bronwyn Street	Woodlands Scout Group
David Strudwick	Ashmore Scout Group
Judy Sutton	Redbank Plains Scout Group
John Taylor	Central and Coastal Region
Stephen Thrum	Sherwood Scout Group
Jo-Anne Timms	Banksia Scout Group
Kelly Tomlinson	Sarina Scout Group
Karalee Trapp	Crows Nest Scout Group
Peter Twyford	Darling Downs Region
Neil Underwood	Woombye Scout Group
James Unwin	Woombye Scout Group
Brian Ward	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Sonya Wayne	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Dorothy White	Tennyson Scout Group
Rosemary Williams	Goodna Scout Group
Kelly Woodbridge	Raceview Scout Group
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