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Queensland Rovers at the 2010 South Australian Rover Moot "Oz Moot"

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News & Events

OZ MOOT 2010-2011

Well Oz Moot came and it went for the Rovers of Queensland. The 30th of December 2010 saw 59 Queensland Rovers converge at Woodhouse Campsite in Adelaide with more than 400 Rovers from Australia and Overseas. With this many Rovers in one location there was sure to be a party.

Only 16 hours after the Opening Ceremony saw the Oz Moot Campers temporally relocated due to a catastrophic fire condition in the Adelaide Hills. All the Rovers enjoyed a day relaxing day at Glenelg filled with Shopping, food and the beach. Once the fire Danger had passed it was time to let the hair hang down and party for New Year. Like any party the Queenslanders knew how to do it the best with the Queensland New Year countdown being one of the loudest and most celebrated.

Oz Moot also consisted of a five day expedition which saw participants partake in Scuba diving with sharks, sand boarding, paintballing, hiking Kangaroo Island, relaxing on a house boat, water skiing the Murray or taking a break at the beach. At Oz Moot there was sure to be an expedition that suited everyone.

After the expeditions saw the day offsite activities and service activities start. Offsite activities included land yachting, Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Zoo tours, canoeing, Murray River cruise, caving and tasting the delights of the Barossa Valley. Apart of the Moot included a service activity in which every Rover that attended the Moot partook in.

Towards the end of the Rover Moot five Queensland Rovers (Travis Jordan, Nathan Swaffer, Philip Verner, Annalise Taylor and "NRC-Shaun Sandilands") partook in the 5th Annual Rover Youth Forum. Many ideas such as the future of Rovers were discussed with very positive outcomes coming out of the forum.

The last day of Moot also saw the Queensland Contingent alerted to the news of the Queensland Floods. The Queensland Contingent in conjunction with the Oz Moot executive managed to raise a much needed \$4,500 for the Scouts Queensland Natural Disaster Fund. The night also saw three generous contributions from neighbouring Rover Councils of \$500 each (VIC, WA, NSW) taking the total contribution to \$6,000 from the Rovers of Australia.

Apart from fundraising for the Queensland Floods, the last night of the Moot saw "WAM" the 19th Australian Rover Moot in Western Australia Launched. Keep an eye out for information on the next Rover Moot as it is set to be held in Dec 2013 – Jan 2014 and this is one not to miss.



News & Events

THE GOVERNOR, STATE CHIEF SCOUT ASSIST WITH THE CLEAN UP AND RECOVERY

Saturday 16 January 2011 the Governor, State Chief Scout of the Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch and Mr McCosker assisted with the clean-up of the Queensland Scout Centre, Dixon Street, Auchenflower, greeted by Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mr Des Allen and later by Chief Commissioner, Mr Maurice Law AM.



THANK YOU!



KIRWAN CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Kirwan Scout Group participated in the Annual Santa Claus come to the Willows Shopping town Parade. Our float was transport for Daffy Duck and what a great time we had.

It was a good feeling to be out in the community and to be recognized for the Best Float in the Parade.



KIRWAN SCOUT GROUP SUPPORT CHRISTMAS

The Kirwan Scout Group decided to take their weekly subscriptions and support the Mayors Christmas appeal. Cub Scout Jack Ford presented our Christmas presents to the Townsville City Council.

It was a wonderful feeling to be able to support the Families in the community and brighten their Christmas.



KEEP SCOUTING GOING

As we all try to clean up from the flooding and get back to a normal routine please try to keep Scouting going. Don't cancel events if possible. For those Members that have been affected we can assist in the smallest of ways such as uniforms. Uniforms lost in the floods should not hinder their attendance at a Scouting function.

Deadline for the next issue

The next deadline for articles is

25 February 2011

Submit your articles to
encompass@scoutsqld.com.au

D'AGUILAR RANG DISTRICT BACK TO BASICS

The D'Aguilar Range District held a "Back to Basics" day last December, which was organised by King Scout Rex Williams (now 83 years of age). Rex was a scout during the war years, and helped make camouflage nets at the Wilston Scout Hall.



He showed Leaders from Near North Coast & Country Region how to make a Hammock and Trailer Net, Knotting Board, (explained how the knots were given their names eg. Sheet Bend, Bowline), Box Kite, plaited woggle (or belt), 'Clickty Klacks', and they made a grass rope which was strong enough to tow a 4WD vehicle – quite amazing.

The day concluded with an inside Campfire (due to the wet weather) and singing some very old scout songs, accompanied by guitarist John Starr. Some very funny skits were performed, with a 'Political Correct' version of Waltzing Matilda done by Rex and his helper, Craig Andrews.

Rex showed in miniature form, how to erect a 30 m high flag pole, and hopes to hold another day so that this activity can be done.

Rex is Patron of the D'Aguilar Range District Association.



QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARDS

A formal ceremony was held on Sunday 23 January where Brearne Marsh and Michael See were awarded their Queen's Scout badges. Brearne and Michael are only the sixth and seventh Venturer Scouts to receive this prestigious award at the Glennie Heights Group in the past 46 years history of the Group.



The Chief Commissioner of Scouts in Queensland, Maurice Law AM spoke on Scouting and the Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts, Phil McNicol spoke on the Queen's Scout Award. Mr Ken Smith spoke about Michael's personal traits and was followed by Mr Colin Alley who spoke about Brearne.

A video compilation of Brearne and Michael's adventures were also shown. The 100 guests included current and present leaders and also Brearne's and Michael's badge examiners who generally are not leaders. Some of Brearne's former Girl Guide Leaders also attended. Proud grand parents and friends and relatives also attended.



The Record books were presented by the Mayor Cr. Ron Bellingham. The Queen's Scouts badges were then presented by the two Scouts' parents at the insistence of the Chief Commissioner. Afternoon tea was then held. Brearne and Michael will receive their certificates from the Chief Scout, the Governor of Queensland in a ceremony at Government house later in the year.

Photo 1 shows Michael and Brearne helping out at a Joey Scout meeting, Photo 2 shows Michael and Brearne in Denmark with other Australian Scouts (Michael back row fourth from left, Brearne third from left front row).

SCHOOLIES WITH A CAUSE 2010

By Courtney Rohde - Kareeba Venturer Scout Unit

Finishing high school is a massive step for everyone who chooses to brave the strenuous yet rewarding path that is the completion of Grade 12. Naturally, when something as significant as this draws to a close, there is more than enough reason to celebrate - and what better way to do so than leave your town behind and travel somewhere different, where you can relax or party it up with other school-leavers.

While most graduates flocked to the east coast beaches to celebrate this momentous occasion for the infamous schoolies week, a small group of students left their homes for two weeks in a bid for a more rewarding experience - a program called Schoolies with a Cause. In its maiden year, the program attracted almost 20 students from Victoria to Queensland who planned to travel to one of three very different locations to volunteer their time in either a conservation or community development role.

The choices offered very different individual experiences: the first, Conservation Volunteer work in the Grampians National Park, Victoria, was for those who love the environment and want to preserve the variety of fragile ecosystems that the Grampians harbour. The second, living in an Indigenous community in Cape York, visiting the Daintree en route and getting to learn about the world's oldest living culture firsthand. The third group was bound for Indonesia, where they would submerge themselves in the rich and unique culture of the Indonesian peoples.

Unfortunately for the third group, volcanic activity in Indonesia forced the trip to be cancelled, but most took up the missing places within the other groups.

Meeting in Melbourne on the Sunday after graduation, the first few days were a mixture of team building, getting-to-know-you activities and meeting the friends we'd be missing just a few weeks, months, and I'm sure, years, later. Backing it all up was the most enthusiastic, down-to-earth and passionate group of leaders, to head the group and make sure we all got the most out of this amazing opportunity. To the very last day, they were just as involved as they were when we first met them, and became not only leaders, but mentors and good friends we would be sure to keep.

I myself was on the trip to Grampians and could not describe my experience for fear of ruining it for other potential schoolies. All I can say is this: it was amazing. The Grampians certainly set the scene for a good two weeks - cascading waterfalls, jagged mountains and plant life bright green with the passing rain. Sure, at times, it could get a little hard when we were pulling out weeds in the freezing rain, but it was all worth it when we realised that just that little bit helped.

Not just that, but we learnt just how much more needed to be done and what we, as youths of this generation, could do about it. Coming back, we were all filled with new ideas, perspectives, and visions for not just the future of the environment, but our own

personal paths into independence. The stories from the other group were not that different. It even inspired me to see if the same program can be established in Queensland for other graduates to enjoy.



I will never forget my Schoolies with a Cause in the Grampians, 2010, and would do it again and again if I had the chance. It's certainly something worth considering if you're about to graduate and want a schoolies experience like no other.

If you want more information, check out the website or feel free to contact me or the organisers.

Thank You to all the
volunteers who assisted
with the affected
properties.
BRAVO!



Congratulations to the following Members who have been recognised in the 2011 Australia Day Honours.

**Order of Australia - Medal (OAM)
in the General Division**

Mr Maurice John Wilson, Bundaberg, QLD
For service to the Scouting movement, and to the community of Bundaberg.

BRAVO!

KINGAROY CUB SCOUTS EARN THEIR GREY WOLF

Two years in a row, Cub Scouts at the end of their time in the Kingaroy Cub Pack have pushed hard and earned their Grey Wolf Badges. Late in 2009, Brayden Canniford earned his Grey Wolf and celebrated the presentation of his badge and certificate at the group Christmas party. Local MP, Dorothy Pratt was on hand to congratulate Brayden on his achievement. Bunya District Commissioner, Christine Littlejohns presented the badge to Brayden.

Brayden celebrated with a large cake decorated with the Grey Wolf Badge and shared it with the group. Brayden has moved onto scouts and is looking forward to the Australian Jamboree in 2013.



During 2010, Grant Murray worked very hard towards his Grey Wolf. He proudly completed the last of the tasks in November and eagerly awaits his badge. During the Grey Wolf hike, Grant led the pack across a ploughed up field. Normally, this wouldn't be very difficult, however the hike was conducted in the cold of winter at Kingaroy, there was a heavy fog and it was not possible to see any landmarks to navigate to. Grant used a map and compass and with a slight course correction, was able to bring the pack to within 30 metres of our intended destination. Grant realised the true value of compass work. Well done, Grant! Congratulations to Grant on achieving the Grey Wolf.



Grant Leading The Pack



Watch this space for details on how to contact the Queensland Scout Centre

Chief Commissioner

Maurice J Law, AM
Chief Commissioner of Queensland



Welcome to the first edition of Encompass for 2011. With the floods that have affected a large area of Queensland, for many 2011 did not begin as we had envisaged. In addition to the 20 or so Groups who were affected by the flood, the Branch Headquarters was also affected with the ground floor being completely inundated and about a half a metre of water in the top floor. There are also of course, many Scouting families who have been affected and our thoughts and our prayers are with them at this time.

The Association does have flood insurance on all of its buildings and our Insurer has appointed an Assessor who has visited the majority of our affected buildings and is in the throes of preparing a report to the Insurer. In my discussions with the Assessor, who incidentally was a Scout for a short period of time, he commented to me that despite what had happened to the Groups that he had visited, he has never worked with a group of people who have been so friendly, willing to assist him, extended hospitality to him, but above all, who showed an unprecedented will to get over the challenge that had been forced upon them and to get on with what Scouting is really about, which is serving the young people in our communities.

Many of the Scout Groups which were affected have completed their clean up and have commenced sectional programs. Other Groups, whose premises at this stage are not suitable to run youth programs from, have found alternative venues from which to run their sectional programs. To me this is a clear demonstration of the spirit of Scouting.

From a Branch Headquarters point of view, the Queensland Scout Centre will not be ready to reoccupy for a period of time and within this edition of Encompass the details of the temporary office which has been set up are provided so that the Branch Headquarters can continue to provide support to Scouting within the Queensland Branch.

Scouting will continue to work on the challenges that are still ahead, which have been caused by the floods, and whilst facing these challenges, we must also remember that a large proportion of our communities are looking to get back to normal life patterns and the Scout Movement is seen as one of those norms. It is therefore extremely important that we continue to offer youth section programs from every Group within the Branch, that we support the young people and families that have been affected and that we continue to give whatever support we can to the communities in which we operate.

2011 will be a memorable year for Scouting in Queensland and whilst the January floods will be part of that memory, I have no doubt the majority of the memories will be of the successful, challenging and exciting activities which have been provided by the adults in Scouting for our Youth Members.

Until next month I wish you good Scouting,



"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

On Sunday 23 January 2011, the Mayor of the Southern Downs Regional Council Councillor Ron Bellingham was made an Honorary Scout.

The Chief Commissioner of Scouts in Queensland, Maurice Law AM presented the Mayor with a Queensland Scarf.

The Mayor was made an honorary Scout for his long term support of the Glennie Heights Scout Group where he has presented most of the Major awards to scouts of all ages over the past seven years. The award was also in recognition of the Mayor's Scouting spirit during the recent floods where he drove through flood waters to get to the disaster centre and then slept in a swag in his office after the disaster centre closed down at night.



2011

The year has arrived with a big bang, one thing about Scouting it teaches us to be resilient, our Cub Scouts need us to be on track and moving forward more now than ever before, I know with good planning, communication and working together 2011 will be another AWESOME year.

We have a long distance marathon to rebuild Queensland but in the Regions people are making more of an effort to build healthy communities by pitching in and helping one another, this has to reinforce the Scouting principals not only for our Youth but for all our Members, I know it has for me!

Cub Scout Expo

2011 is the year for Cub Scout Expo – this is a training weekend open to all Cub Scout Leaders of all ages, abilities and years of Service. The first Cub Scout Expo for Far North Region will be held on 25 – 27 March in Cairns; an application form will be available online shortly. The Brisbane-based Cub Scout Expo will be held 9 -11 September – the venue will be announced in the next issue of Encompass and we may be able to take a Cub Scout Expo to the Western Region possibly October – more next issue.



These weekends are brilliant for getting motivated and networking with other Leaders and going back to the Pack with great program ideas. I urge all Cub Scouts Leaders to attend a weekend.

Cuboree

Thanks to the many that have provided feedback from Cuboree 2010 – these items, ideas and suggestions will all form the final Cuboree 2010 report with recommendations that will assist the planning of Cuboree 2012. The venue and date should be announced by the next Encompass, subject to input from the Scouts Queensland Youth Program Team.

Cub Scouting

This Section is a delight to be a part of with their unquenchable thirst for knowledge, their enthusiasm for challenges and their quirky sense of humour. Programming that inspires the Cub Scouts to explore the world around them and extend them socially in a defined structure is successful.

More than ever Cub Scout Leaders need to rise to the challenge of 2011 and encourage our Cub Scouts to become part of the community as solid citizens, the Cub Scouts also need to feel life is as 'back to normal' as it can be, to do the things they love, share with their friends, learn more about themselves and continue to live by the Cub Scout Law.

I hope to get around this year and see more of the fantastic work that continues to inspire me from the Cub Scout Leaders in Queensland. Thanks to the many that have made me feel so welcome when I visit the Cub Scout Packs – I hope to answer your questions, support your ideas and access resources for you to assist in your tasks for 2011.

Thanks from each and every Cub Scout and their families for your hard work.





Welcome back to another year of Scouting.

By now most Troops will have already been meeting together for a week or two and have started out on another year packed with adventure. Adventure is a vital part of a thriving Scout Troop and it all begins at the Troop Council where the Patrol Leaders plan out their Troop nights, camps and outdoor activity. Now that Scouts are adolescents, rather than children, they are looking for some independence, self determination, self reliance and new challenges. No doubt they will make mistakes along the way but this is the Scout method at work – learning by doing.

Another important element of the Scout method is working together in Patrols. Everything the Scouts do should be Patrol based. One of the simplest adventures for a Scout is the experience of setting up their own Patrol camp away from the prying eyes of Leaders and other Patrols and taking care of themselves for a couple of days. The bonds formed and the support for each other in that Patrol will be second to none.

An alarming trend that has become evident over the past years is the tendency to form activity Patrols all of the time because not enough of a native Patrol is in attendance. This practice becomes self defeating because there are no strong bonds within a Patrol as the activity Patrols vary for each event. A Patrol can consist of 4-8 Scouts so if the number of Scouts in a Patrol is closer to 8 than 4 then you've got a better chance that enough will turn up from that Patrol to make the activity viable. Three Patrols of 8 is much better than 6 Patrols of 4. The comradry within the Patrols will grow quickly and before you know it you will have to lock the Den doors to keep them away.

Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

Good Turn

At the end of last year I had the pleasure of attending the presentation of an Australian Scout Medallion for Ashleigh Fannin. The invitation was sent by email and in it she noted that it would be combined with the finish of her "Walk for Abbey". Luckily she included a Face Book link on the email so more information was only a click away.

The short story was that Ashleigh had attended Agoonoree and met Abbey, one of the guests. Abbey had outgrown her wheel chair and it was also in need of some modification to help her development. Ashleigh was so moved by her experience at Agoonoree that she decided to organise a fund raiser for a new wheel chair for Abbey.

Now I know when most of you hear the word "fundraiser" in a Scouting context some deep dark part of your brain immediately conjures up the smell of sausages and onions. In this case Ashleigh

organised a 30km walk from Coolangatta to the Southport Broadwater and pushed a wheel chair the whole way. She was joined by a group of supporters as well as the Gold Coast Mayor for part of the journey. This good turn is a testament to Ashleigh's will and determination to simply do something nice for someone else – BRAVO.

I just checked the link again and it now includes a photo of Abbey in her new chair.

SSS

In December's Encompass there is an expression of interest for this years SSS. A copy can also now be found on the Branch website. Please pass a copy on to your Patrol Leaders so that they can get this in as soon as possible to reserve their spot.

Note that the closing date for the expression of interest is the 25th of March 2011. It assists greatly with the planning if we can respect the closing date for the expressions of interest.



"It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Programming

With the year well and truly started (9% gone already!) I hope all units have recommenced and are looking forward to implementing great programs. The key to attracting and retaining the interest of existing and new Venturers, and leaders, is the program. When you are planning your program, if your unit is not ready to organise its own big adventures then take advantage of the opportunities presented by the activities organised not just by your own region, but also the surrounding regions.

I know we frequently talk about activities like Operation Archer or VenMX or Roventure without explaining what these activities are, so I encourage organisers to advertise the contents of their activity and the benefit to your Venturers when they advertise the dates. Having said that, if you and your Venturers don't know what an activity is, ask the question as I am sure the organisers will be more than happy to provide the answer. If you don't know who the organisers are, post your questions about the activity on the Venturer bulletin board at <http://z8.invisionfree.com/QueenslandVenturers>.

I encourage all units to look for ways to incorporate the requirements for the Venturer Award level badges into the program. By addressing the full range you will be challenging your Venturers and providing the opportunity for them to pick up valuable skills and training, just by participating in their unit's program.

If any units or leaders lost program ideas and Scouting resources due to the recent floods and rain, please make yourself known via the bulletin board and indicate the sorts of things that would help to get you and your unit back into exciting and challenging programs. I am confident the rest of the Queensland Venturer community will be keen to provide you with that support.

Camp LU11 2011

Due to uncertainties resulting from the recent floods the decision was made to defer Camp LU11 to later in the year. The new dates are 16-22 April. The venue remains at BP Park, Samford. The camp will provide Venturer Scouts the opportunity to complete all of the following:

- the Initiative tape,
- the Venturer Award level Environment tape,
- the course component of the Unit Management tape,
- the course component of the Leadership tape, and
- the Venturer Award level Ideals tape.

An information sheet and application form should provide answers to any questions you may have. It is available from <http://z8.invisionfree.com/QueenslandVenturers>. Applications, endorsed by each Venturer Scout's leader, need to be received by the organising team on or before 18 March.

Please let your Venturer Scouts and leaders who work with Venturer Scouts know about this camp as soon as possible. As in the past, numbers will be capped.



WILD DAYZ AUSTRALIAN VENTURE – TASMANIA 2012

It is less than twelve months to the start of the Australian Venture in Tasmania. I know not every eligible Venture and future Venturer will be able to attend, but I need your help to make sure they have the choice, and this starts with them finding out about the Venture. Just as a Jamboree is the biggest thing a youth member can do in the Scout section, an Australian Venture is the biggest age appropriate activity for Venturer Scouts.

You and your Venturers can find out more by visiting www.wilddayz.com. Click on the link to the **Home** page and read the information specific to the Queensland contingent. Everyone even remotely interested should get on the contingent mailing list by sending a message to wilddayz.2012.qld@hotmail.com. The planning team will be sending monthly e-newsletters to this list, and more general information from time to time to the e-mail address Scout Headquarters has on record for leaders working with the Venturer section. I suggest that if you have not received an e-mail from me in the past few months on any topic, or from Headquarters in relation to Encompass, then you need to update your recorded e-mail address with Headquarters

Dates (a partial list)

February

24 Branch Youth Venturer Scout Council teleconference

March

4-7 Roventure (Central Queensland)

12-13 Operation Archer

18 Closing date for Camp LU11 applications

25-27 Roventure (south-east Queensland)

23 Branch Venturer Scout Council teleconference

How is your Group going
to celebrate Founders
Day. Get involved in your
local celebrations



NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL

National Rover Council met from 27 December to 30 December 2010 at Woodhouse Scout Campsite in the Adelaide Hills. The meeting is an important opportunity for Rovers from around Australia to share experiences, ideas, successes, etc with the aim of finding ways overall to improve Rovering in Australia. The meeting included debate about elements of the Rover Section Review, the Future of NRC, Communications and the National Rover Website. The elections also saw Brisbane Inner City Rover Crew member Shaun Sandilands elected as Vice Chairman for the next 12 months.



QLD MOOT

Qld Moot will be held on 18-20 February 2011. Based at Karingal the moot will travel to North Stradbroke Island on Saturday for surfing, snorkelling, etc. On Saturday night there will be a 3 course fully catered gourmet dinner, plus a band. For more information, contact Shari Cunningham at qmoot@qldrovers.org.au See attached flyer for other information.

This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it **INTRODUCTION TO ROVERS**

The first Introduction to Rovers session for the year will be held on 6 March 2011 at a venue still to be decided.

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BANANA BASH 2011 COMMITTEE

Kyle Zink is the Chairman for Banana Bash 2011. This year's Banana Bash committee have many challenges before them including finding a non-Scouting site to conduct the event, addressing environmental issues and ways of broadening the appeal of this activity to also include non-bash car activities within the program. If you are interested in joining the committee you can contact Kyle on 0437 020 071 or stimp91@hotmail.com.

2011/2012 QBRE TERM

Nominations will be opened on 15 December 2010 for the following QBRE positions for the 2011/2012 term. The term is for 12 months and commences following the QBRE AGM in June 2011. Nominations close on 15 March 2011.

Deputy Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Promotions and Service
Resources
Training
Awards
Communications

FUTURE DATES

BP Lodge Founders Night – 9 February 2011
– Stones Corner Masonic Centre (all crews welcome)
Qld Moot – Karingal - 18-20 February 2011
QBRE Meeting – 20 February 2011 (Venue TBA)
Introduction to Rovers 6 March 2011 (Venue TBA)
Roventure – 25-27 Murrenabong 2011
QBRE Meeting – 20 March 2011

Check out the Qld Rover Website soon for a copy of the 2011 Rovalendar!

SOUTHPORT SCOUT DEN

Fancy a weekend stay at Qld Rovers Southport Den? The Den is set up with basic kitchen, toilet and shower facilities and could be just the thing for your next weekend away? For more information Contact Rowan Yates on 0421 928 507

HAS YOUR CREW ADVISED IT'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Does QBRE have a nominated mail, phone and electronic contact point for your Crew?

There is now a crew contact list on the "User Only" section of the website. To update or change your details (including crew meeting night) email deputy@qldrovers.org.au

HAVE YOU JOINED THE QLD ROVER WEBSITE

If you have not joined the Queensland Rover Website, it's easy to join, just log onto the Qld Rover Website and follow the simple instructions.

If you have any problems logging on or aren't receiving emails, contact coms@qldrovers.org.au

QBRE CONTACTS

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Deputy Chairman deputy@qldrovers.org.au
BC Rovers bc.rovers@qldhq.scouts.com.au 0419 704 729
Rover Website www.qldrovers.org.au

Youth Awards



CONGRATULATIONS

Queensland Branch is pleased to announce the awarding of the following awards

JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE

Corrie McDonald	Sandgate Scout Group
Timothy Zillman	Alice River Scout Group
Heather Ansell	Alice River Scout Group
Darcy Singleton	Alice River Scout Group
Cael Thompson	Caboolture Scout Group
Gil Kusy	Buderim Scout Group
Lachlan Evans	Buderim Scout Group

GREY WOLF AWARD

Nickson Shorton	Victoria Point Scout Group
David McGovern	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Hayley Shields	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Dylan Ogilvie	Bribie Island Scout Group
George Crossan	Samford Scout Group
Sylvie King	St Johns Wood Scout Group
David Trevor	Malanda Scout Group
Andrew Pollock	The Gap Scout Group
Alex Colvin	Caboolture Scout Group
Shanae Walker	Caboolture Scout Group
Ben Gray	Bardon Scout Group
Jacob Newport	Bardon Scout Group
Finn Tobin	Bardon Scout Group
Thomas Buccan	Bardon Scout Group
Jasmin Timm	Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Jayden Newman	Mission Beach Scout Group
Findlay Oliphant	Withcott Scout Group

AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

Brandon Hall	Jimboomba Scout Group
Sara-Ann Weiss	Wulguru Scout Group
Elley Rhodes	Wulguru Scout Group
Ryan Lonergan	Nashville Scout Group
Melissa Holden	Nashville Scout Group
Lauren Morgan	Nashville Scout Group
Trent Brindley	Rangeville Scout Group
Jayden Findlay	Rangeville Scout Group
Stuart Huggins	Pittsworth Scout Group
Daniel Wood	Pittsworth Scout Group
Gabrielle Dodds	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group

KIRWAN SCOUT TROOP MEDALLION PRESENTATION

A special presentation was part of the Kirwan Group Christmas breakup celebrations recently. Trent Ricks was presented with his Australian Scout Medallion by his Scout Leader Wayne (Bagheera) Williams before the assembled parade of Kirwan's full group.



Also on parade was Duncan (Bagheera) Pearce from Hermit Park Scouts and John (Dingo) Naylor Scout Leader Kirwan Scouts, who were both with Trent on his Adventurer level bike journey and Glenn (Platypus) Ricks, Kennedy Region's ARC for Scouts and Trent's proud father.

Kirwan's Group Leader Ann-Maree Hislop also presented Trent with a commemorative plaque and a special cake to mark the occasion. The achievement of the Australian Scout Medallion is a culmination of many years work and follows on from Trent achieving the Grey Wolf during his time as a Cub Scout.



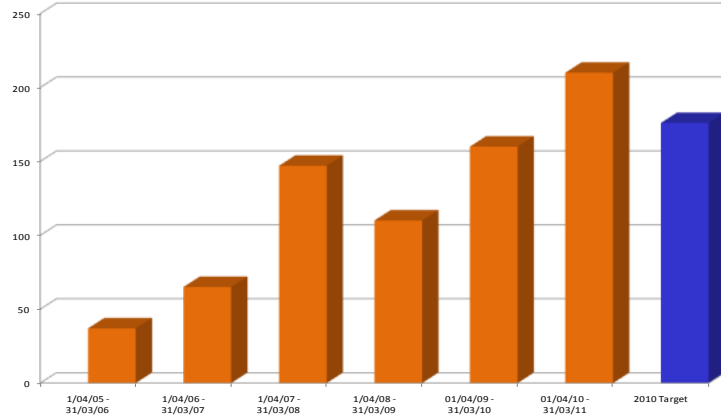
AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION AWARDED

Brandon Hall of the Jimboomba Scout Group was awarded the Australian Scout Medallion at their Group end of Year Break-up. The Qld Chief Commissioner Maurice J Law and Branch Commissioner Scouts Steve Marshall both attended the presentation on the 9th December, 2010.

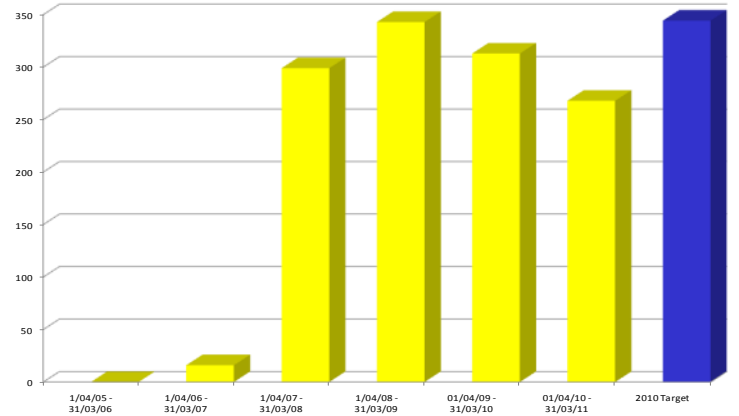
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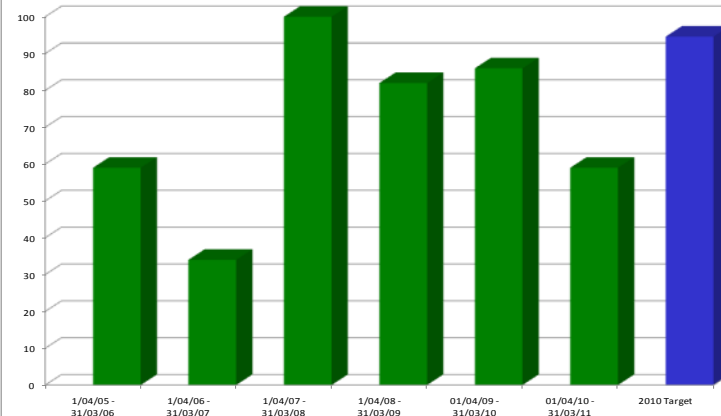
Joey Scout Promise Challenge



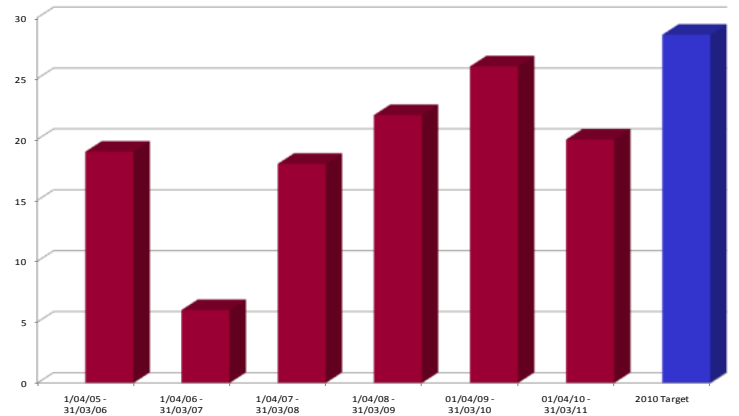
Cub Scout Grey Wolf award



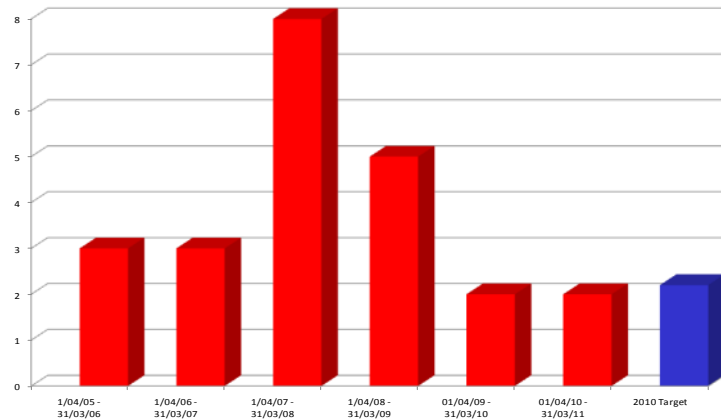
Scout Australian Scout Medallion



Venturer Scout Queen Scout award



Rover Baden-Powell Scout award



Training

Dates are subject to change throughout the year



Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
Abseiling Level 1 (Artificial Surfaces)				
1011101	Wyper Park Campsite	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
Abseiling Level 2 (Artificial Surfaces) (6 Weeks)				
1021101	Karingal Campsite	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	27-Aug-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
Abseiling Level 2 (Natural Surfaces) (6 weeks)				
1031101	Karingal Campsite	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	28-Aug-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
Bushwalking (Difficult and Trackless) Level 2				
1101101	Rocky Creek Campsite	13-May-11 (Fri)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Bushwalking (Tracked and Easy Untracked) Level 1				
1041101	Rocky Creek Campsite	13-May-11 (Fri)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 1				
1051110	Lowood	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1051104	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	1-May-11 (Sun)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2				
1061102	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1061103	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1061104	Murrenbong Campsite - Kurwongbah	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1061110	Lowood	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
Cub Scout Skills Training 1 (new)				
5101103	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5101104	Queensland Scout Centre	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5101113	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5101112	Aldershot Campsite - Maryborough	14-May-11 (Sat)	14-May-11 (Sat)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Cub Scout Skills Training 2 (new)				
5111102	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5111112	St Margarets	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5111103	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Cub Scout Skills Training 3 (new)				
5121101	Baden-Powell Park	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5121102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
First Aid - Apply First Aid Fast Track				
7001101	Queensland Scout Centre	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Joey Scout Skills Training 1 (new)				
5001103	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5001104	Queensland Scout Centre	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5001113	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5001112	Aldershot Campsite - Maryborough	14-May-11 (Sat)	14-May-11 (Sat)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Joey Scout Skills Training 2 (new)				
5011102	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5011111	St Margarets	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5011103	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Joey Scout Skills Training 3 (new)				
5021101	Baden-Powell Park	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5021102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 1				
1071107	Lowood	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2				
1081102	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1081103	Murrenbong Campsite - Kurwongbah	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
1081107	Lowood	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
Leadership Training 3				
4491104	Seonee Park - Rockhampton	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
4491106	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	1-Apr-11 (Fri)	3-Apr-11 (Sun)	11-Mar-11 (Fri)
4491108	Baden-Powell Park	8-Apr-11 (Fri)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
4491107	Rowallan Park - Mackay	8-Apr-11 (Fri)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
LOA Skills Training 1 (new)				
5501103	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5501104	Baden-Powell Park	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	25-Mar-11 (Fri)
5501112	Aldershot Campsite - Maryborough	14-May-11 (Sat)	14-May-11 (Sat)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)

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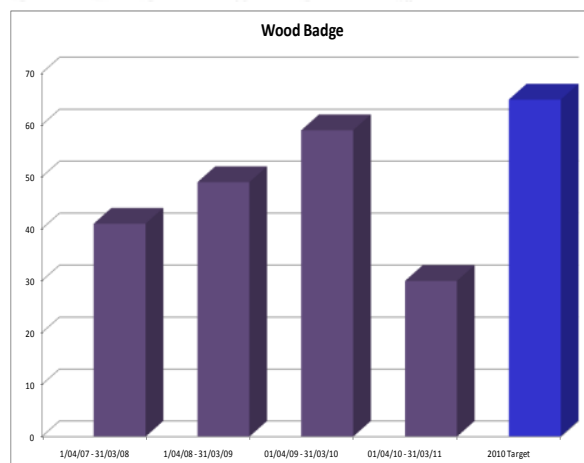
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Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
LOA Skills Training 2 (new)				
5511102	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5511103	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
LOA Skills Training 3 (new)				
5521101	Baden-Powell Park	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5521102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Module 1 Train the Trainer (2011)				
2801101	Baden-Powell Park	1-Apr-11 (Fri)	2-Apr-11 (Sat)	11-Mar-11 (Fri)
Module 2 Train the Trainer (2011)				
2811101	Baden-Powell Park	2-Apr-11 (Sat)	3-Apr-11 (Sun)	11-Mar-11 (Fri)
Module 4 Train the Trainer (2011)				
2831101	Queensland Scout Centre	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
Scout Skills Training 1 & 2				
5211114	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5211114A	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5211103	Baden-Powell Park	16-Apr-11 (Sat)	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	25-Mar-11 (Fri)
5211103A	Baden-Powell Park	16-Apr-11 (Sat)	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	25-Mar-11 (Fri)
5211113	Aldershot Campsite - Maryborough	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
5211105	Burleigh Heads (Camp Kallaroo)	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
5211113A	Aldershot Campsite - Maryborough	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
5211105A	Burleigh Heads (Camp Kallaroo)	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Scout Skills Training 2 (new)				
5211104	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Scout Skills Training 3 (new)				
5221101	Baden-Powell Park	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5221102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Specialist Outdoor Activities Skills 1				
5601114	Lowood	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5601104	Wyper Park Campsite	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	26-Mar-11 (Sat)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5601112	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	29-Apr-11 (Fri)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Venturer Scout Skills Training 1 & 2				
5311113	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5311113A	St Margarets	9-Apr-11 (Sat)	10-Apr-11 (Sun)	18-Mar-11 (Fri)
5311103	Baden-Powell Park	16-Apr-11 (Sat)	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	25-Mar-11 (Fri)
5311103A	Baden-Powell Park	16-Apr-11 (Sat)	17-Apr-11 (Sun)	25-Mar-11 (Fri)
5311105	Burleigh Heads (Camp Kallaroo)	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
5311105A	Burleigh Heads (Camp Kallaroo)	14-May-11 (Sat)	15-May-11 (Sun)	22-Apr-11 (Fri)
Venturer Scout Skills Training 2(new)				
5311104	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Venturer Scout Skills Training 3(new)				
5321101	Baden-Powell Park	25-Mar-11 (Fri)	27-Mar-11 (Sun)	4-Mar-11 (Fri)
5321102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)
Wood Badge Training 1				
9501102	Baden-Powell Park	30-Apr-11 (Sat)	2-May-11 (Mon)	8-Apr-11 (Fri)

PLEASE NOTE: All Courses in February have been cancelled.

**The full Training Calendar for 2011 can be downloaded from the Branch website
<http://www.scoutsqld.com.au>**



Administration & Communications



QUEENSLAND SCOUT CENTRE— TEMPORARY OFFICE

You may have heard that the Queensland Branch headquarters was affected by the flooding in Brisbane. As such we are unable to operate from that building until such time as repairs have been made.

A temporary office including a mail order only Scout Supply Centre is being setup. More details to follow on how to contact the Queensland Scout Centre. However limited staffing is available at this point and not all services may be available straight away.

Communications—Email

The office email system is now operational. We are operating from basic internet using mobile services which give us limited access at this time.

We are also operating on very limited staff and are trying to deal with the backlog of previously received emails and urgent enquires. There may be occasions when we request that a previously sent email be resent because of the downtime the servers were down.

Please do not expect a quick response at this time. If your email is referring to documentation sent to the office please do not assume that we are still in possession of that documentation. If you are able to scan and email it please do so.

Communications—Telephone

At present we do not have a phone lines and are unable to receive phone calls. **Please note that the normal office number of 3870 7000 is not operational. A new number will be advised immediately that we have it in place.**

SCOUT MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM (SMS) IS OPERATIONAL AND CENSUS ONLINE

As you may be aware the Queensland Scout Centre in Brisbane was recently flooded. As a result a number of computer services have been offline for the last week.

We are happy to announce that the Scout Membership System is now operational again. This means you are able to continue working on completing your Formation's Census Online prior to the 31 March 2010.

However there are a few functions of the system that are not currently fully operational, these are:

- "Invoices" tab on a Members record is unable to display the information from the accounting system at this point in time.
- Any information regarding the Financial/Unfinancial status of a Member including the reports. Financial status contained within SMS was only last updated on Tuesday 11 January 2011.
- Certificate and letter printing is unavailable at this point in time. This means we are unable to print resignation letters, transfer letters, certificate of appointments etc.

We are working to get these functions operational as quickly as possible but it could be sometime before they are fully operational. An update will be sent to you regarding the ongoing services and administration capabilities of the Branch Headquarters in the near future.

2011 Census due by 31 March 2011

If you require a paper census please email qldhq@scoutsqld.com.au.

Please reminder to check the Family Codes of your Members.

More information about 2011 Census see *Encompass Issue 26, December 2010*

PROPERTY RETURN 2010/11

Property Return 2010/11 included in
September Group Mail
For information on completing your property
return, please see page 24
of Issue 23, September Encompass.

**REMINDER:
Nominations for Adult
Recognition Awards**

Deadline 1 April 2011

Qld Moot 2011



Come and join in the fun and festivities of the 2011 Queensland Moot to be held at Karingal Campsite in February. Beach Boys themed 'Surfin USA' as we venture to North Stradbroke Island to do as much or as little as you'd like. \$60 gets you 2 nights camping, transport to/from Stradbroke Island, entertainment and of course Saturday's dinner! It's Sheri's boat on Saturday night so come celebrate the occasion with her and your fellow Rovers.



Highlights

- Trip to North Stradbroke Island with optional extras: sand-boarding, snorkelling, sea-kayaking, and learn-to-surf
- 'Shylin Up Late' headline act for Saturday's entertainment
- 60s themed Saturday night with prizes for best / worst costumes
- Wide game against Venturers on Friday night
- Marston Bay District's Explorer's Boy Service on Sunday morning
- 3 course gourmet dinner on Saturday night

"Surfin USA"

To book your tickets:
qmoot@qldrovers.org.au



What is Roventure: Roventure is a combined activity Camp for Rovers and venturers held each year

When: Friday March 25 - Sunday March 27 2011
Registration from 5:00 pm final parade will be at 3:00pm
Activities start at 7PM on Friday

cost: \$50 per person (includes camping fees, All meal, activities, and a Roventure shirt)
(After March 18 a late fee of \$10 will apply and you will not be guaranteed a Shirt)

Who can attend: Roventure is open to all Venturers and Rovers between 14-26, and Venturer Leaders and Rover Advisors (linking scouts can Attend if they are 14)

Where: Murrenbong Scout Camp Scout Rd, Kurwongbah (please Enter Via Gate 2)

What to Bring: in addition to your own camping gear, clothes and toiletries it is recommended that participants bring, a set of clothes that can get dirty, your best Bogan costume for the disco, Swimmers and a towel. A sense of fun and adventure would also come in handy

How to Register: application forms can be downloaded from: www.qldrovers.org.au under the form section. Applications will be accepted on the week end for cash payments only. And the late fee of \$10.00 will Apply

*If you Require any more information please contact the event organiser: Scott (0408 804 127) or Nick (0433 997 236)

or by email to: roventure@qldrovers.org.au



Activities

- Canoeing
- Rafting
- Bogan Cooking
- Archery
- Slip and slide
- Swimming
- Paint fight
- Bush Mechanics
- Obstacle Course
- Mud wrestling
- Disco
- Cricket
- Big Screen Movies
- Iron gut
- Extreme Triathlon
- The Limbo
- Capture the Teddy (a Roventure tradition)
- Thong Tossing
- Iron Man Comp
- Tug of War
- Bash Car Rides
- Jumping Castle
- Competitions prizes
- Can Sculling
- Ginger Beer Pong
- Pool Table

And whatever else we can fit in to the action packed program

There will also be a Canteen available if you would like to purchase cold drinks and snacks

QUEENSLAND BRANCH



★ **Cub Scout Leaders Boomerang Workshop** will give experience working with (Boomerang tests 10 & 11 – all levels. This unique workshop will be held on 19th March. Be quick for this.

★ **The Environment Activities calendar for 2011** is now available on Queensland Branch website at <http://www.scoutsqld.com.au/Content/Attachment/2011EnvironmentalCalendar.pdf>. If you need a paper copy, please contact BC Environment Education.

CALENDAR DATES:

- ★ **Joey Scouts** – Feb 16 at Eprapah
March 26 at Rocky Creek
- ★ **Cub Scouts** – March 5 and April 2 at Eprapah
- ★ **Scouts** – March 12 at Eprapah
April 9 at Rocky Creek
- ★ **Venturer Scouts** – Feb 5 & 6 at Eprapah
For bookings contact: bookings@scoutsqld.com.au

QUEENSLAND BRANCH ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION TEAM.
BC ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION, JUDY SEYMOUR, 3203 4193



Scouting is a worldwide Movement with over 30 million Scouts in 160 countries. International Scouting is aimed at creating an understanding of other cultures as well as promoting peace and tolerance through our common understanding of the Scouting Aims and Principles.

"When you join a Patrol you become part of a worldwide brotherhood in which every member has promised to keep the Scout Law. Because of this it doesn't matter if they speak different languages, are of different colours or hold different religious beliefs. When you meet Scouts at large gatherings, remember that they are your brothers and show by your actions that you regard them as friends."

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting

Welcome back to International Scouting 2011. 2011 looks to set to be another action packed year of events. At this time our thoughts and prayers go out to all those Groups who been affected by the Qld floods, and wish you all a speedy recovery back to Scouting.

Up coming events:

February 22nd 2011 marks the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell the founder of the Scout Movement.

Nearly all National Scout Associations throughout the world, celebrate this day as « Founder's Day ». It is considered a special day, as well as an opportunity to learn more about BP's life and his work. His Writings remain inspiring to many and incredibly on phase with our times.



July 9-16	BC/Yukon Jamboree
July 11-17	28th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree
July 27 - August 7	22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden
September 21	International Day of Peace
October 15-16	54 th Jamboree on the Air 15 th Jamboree on The Internet

Scouts Australia is currently seeking Contingent Leaders for the following upcoming international events:

Boy Scouts of America Jamboree 2013
World Scout Jamboree 2015
Gallipoli Centenary 2015

<http://www.scouts.com.au/?15734530>



Scout International Student Exchange Program

Would you like to visit historic shrines in Japan, spend the day at Disneyland in Tokyo, travel through the channel Tunnel to

France, Visit the Tower of London, or see the Windmills of Holland???

SISEP can provide Venturer Scouts (15-17 yrs of age) with the opportunity, and the experience of a lifetime.

You will get to spend Christmas and New Year with a host Scouting family in either Japan, Denmark or England. Every **SISEP** experience will be different, but guaranteed of a Christmas and New Year that you'll never forget!

Exchange students leave Australia around the end of November and return mid January. **Expressions of interest for 2011 are now being accepted. Expressions of interest applications close on 1st April 2011.**

Mirrabook Rovers in Hong Kong

Hi, I am Joyce from Mirrabook Rovers. I just participated Hong Kong Scout Centenary Jamboree which held from 27th December 2010 to 1st January 2011 next to Hong Kong Disneyland at Penny's Bay, Lantau Island. More than 5,000 people from about 20 countries attended this Centenary Jamboree to celebrate this important milestone of scouting with Hong Kong Scouts.

Most of the contingents were allocated under overseas participant campsite but I, as an individual, the only participant from Scouts Australia, was allocated at a campsite with a scout group from Hong Kong. Therefore I made friends from the very beginning of the Jamboree. (In fact, I made new friends from the moment I stepped out of the customs at Hong Kong airport!) We built our campsite area together, fenced it and made a rotating gate with limited resources of bamboo sticks and ropes.

This is my first time participating big international scouting event. Though I am taking part to have fun and to have a trip to Hong Kong, to certain extend, I do represent Scouts Australia in the Jamboree. I was asked to attend the contingent leader meeting to exchange souvenir on the second night of the camp. It was pretty scary as they only just found me when the meeting was going on. I had limited time to get prepared but luckily I did not do anything too embarrassing in the meeting. Now I thought of our scout motto "Be prepared!". Thanks to Patrick Choy, a Hong Kong citizen who has both Hong Kong and Australian Scouts membership, he talked to me before I went up for souvenir exchange and calmed me down.

In the jamboree, there were five activity villages, namely "Adventure Land", "Miracle Paradise", "Science Park", "Journey of Life", and "Tomorrow's World". Participants were expected to widen their horizon from these scouting activities, including skills training, physical endurance, self challenge, and to learn worldwide scout history and local culture. The most remarkable activity was that I tried to make a fire with a knife and a combined magnesium and flint rod!

When the night comes, people walked around to other sub-camps

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to make new friends and to exchange scouting experiences. During these five nights camping, I made new friends from different countries including Hong Kong, Malaysia, U.S.A., Canada and Singapore. I also get to know the culture of jamboree –exchange badges. Some scouts laid down their badges at somewhere bright for others to come and have a look and exchange badges. It was like a night market on the street but here is a great place for scouts make new friends at night.

Staying back in Hong Kong after the jamboree gave me more time to hang out with new friends and I even went to the meeting of the scout group which I stayed with during the jamboree and get to know what they normally do in their weekly meeting. I am glad that I have the chance to take part in this jamboree with now I have scout friends from other countries, gain more scouting knowledge, and experience the local culture of Hong Kong. I am looking forward to take part in another international scouting event.



Scouts from different countries were asked to report campsite weather in different languages. From left, Hong Kong scout in charge of weather report, three girl scouts from Nepal, me from Australia, and two scouts from Malaysia.



Alan Leung, rover advisor and Winkie Yeung, assistant rover advisor from 1st East Kowloon Sea Scout Group. I stayed at their campsite during Jamboree.



People are swapping badges

International Visitors

Just a quick reminder to everyone, if you have a visitor or group of "Scouts" coming from overseas, then it is protocol to contact the International Team and notify Branch. We will in turn make the appropriate contact with the Scouts of that Country and ensure they are legitimate members of the movement. We have recently had a request where we found that the Group coming to Australia weren't members of WOSM (World Organisation of Scout Movement). This isn't the first time this has happened. Having these people visit not only endangers our youth members, but it is also contravening the Children's Commission Blue Card rules. I urge all groups to contact the International Team as soon as someone approaches you and before any travel arrangements are made to avoid disappointment. People who are not members of the movement will not be granted access to our Scouts.

Extra Bits

Being part of a world-wide brother and sisterhood is really exciting. You don't have to leave Australia to feel part of it. You can participate in international Scouting right here at home! There are plenty of options, and here are just a few ideas:

SISEP (Scout International Student Exchange Program) –Scott Edwards SISEP Coordinator QLD sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au

JOTA & JOTI – Ian Lightbody Qld Coordinator
jota@qldhq.scouts.com.au

International Pen-Pal Program –Susan Rogers Qld Coordinator
penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

Hands Across The Water Program (Joey Scouts)
penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

If you would like to know more about what is happening internationally in Scouting or would like to participate in an overseas event, visit Scouts Australia's Website at www.international.scouts.com.au and it will open up many more links for you to explore?

If you have International stories and pictures to share, or require further International information please contact Paul Rollason, BC International, via Branch or E-Mail bc.international@qldhq.scouts.com.au or visit the Queensland website at www.scoutsqld.com.au and click on "Events" and then "International".

What are you waiting for???? **GET INVOLVED NOW and ENJOY.**

Special Duties

Iain Furby
Deputy Chief Commissioner - Special Duties
dcc.specialduties@scoutsqld.com.au



Welcome back to a new Scouting year. I hope that your break was not too adversely affected by the recent flooding. Times like these give us the opportunity to reflect upon how we each react to times of adversity in our lives. I do hope the following little parable will be of some assistance to you as you come to terms with what may have happened to you and yours during the recent floods. This great parable from an unknown author encourages us to reflect on how we cope with adversity.

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up; she was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and turned each hot plate too high. Soon the pots came to the boil. In the first pot she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and in the last pot she poured ground coffee beans. She let the three pots sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see".

"Carrots, eggs and coffee," she replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter.

When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Are you the carrot that seems strong but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose strength? Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did you have a fluid spirit but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have you become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same but on the inside you are bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or are you like the coffee bean?

The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate yourself to another level?

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
Good Scouting.



To register head to
<http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au>
or call 1800 282 329

Be sure to upload your photos to the Scouts Queensland Facebook or email marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au

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SCOUTS QUEENSLAND

Photo Competition



- Take a photo between 1st January 2011 & 30th June 2011
- Each month between February and August 2011 a monthly winner will be announced in Encompass.
- Monthly winners will receive a \$25 Scout Supply Centre voucher.
- All Monthly winners go into the judging for the Major to be awarded in late August of a brand new Canon digital camera valued at over \$500.
- To be in the running for this great prize simply email your photos to marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au before 15th July 2011.
- Photos must be of Scouting activities and please no flood photos as we would like to see Scouts in Action.

Photo entrants must be from Queensland and photos must be between specified dates.



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23 months to go and the Jamboree is still on

After the recent floods throughout Queensland the question being asked is the Jamboree in 2013 still being held? The answer is yes it is still being held, like all of you I was wondering how the site was holding up to all the rain especially when floods were mentioned in Maryborough. After many calls it was revealed the site was high and dry and was actually earmarked as a flood recovery Centre. I was advised that the water on site was no worse than what I had seen during heavy downpours over the past year. The Troop sites selected thus far would not be affected by the rains other than a few isolated pools of water. The following day the Park was reasonably dry.



Part of the Outback Camping Ground

What is happening at the moment?

During the break a day was spent working on the budget with all Directors and some of their teams. Individual meetings are also being held to ensure nothing is forgotten. The Program Directorate is still finalizing the Activities Program and as you can all imagine this is a mammoth task. The Jamboree Site map would have been nearly completed at this stage had it not been for the amount of rain during the past few months. There was a rumour around that the Chief Director was responsible for the rain in Maryborough, in actual fact at one stage people forecasted rain every time I paid a visit to the site. This was untrue as it only happened 90 percent of the time.

Posters and magnets

Posters and magnets were to be sent to the Groups over the break by the Queensland Contingent, unfortunately these

were destroyed in the flood and will now be re-ordered and sent to the Contingents for distribution.

DVD's

A promotional DVD will be sent to each Group in the next few months, distribution will be via the Contingent Leader.

Assistance

Over the coming months we will be contacting various Leaders for various roles, I ask you all to consider attending the Jamboree in the first instance and also consider how you can become involved. Several people have offered to assist and will be contacted once the Directors have decided on which roles they require.

As you can see we are still very busy and the Jamboree is definitely happening.

Enjoy your Scouting
Pieter Van Der Kamp (Smokey)
Chief Director AJ2013

Calling Volunteers for the AJ2013 SafeTrans Directorate

Do you have an interest in Safety, Security, Transport, Traffic Management or Risk Management?



The Safety & Transport Directorate (SafeTrans) for AJ2013 is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Scouting and non-Scouting personnel to consider joining the team.

Queensland Volunteers are required now for key roles across all areas of the Directorate.

If you have an interest in making sure we provide a safe, secure and enjoyable event for the Scouts and Leaders participating then consider supplying an EOI today.

Lock in your AJ2013 experience and role early by possibly becoming a key member of the SafeTrans team. EOIs should be directed to SafeTrans Director Trevor O'Hara via email on safe-trans@aj2013.scouts.com.au



2011 CALENDAR

All courses except Gliding are held in the Blue Building,
entrance via the
Royal Queensland Aero Club Car Park.
Beatty Road, Archerfield.

Month	Joey Scout Mornings Saturday 9.00am – 12noon	Cub Scout Mornings Saturday 8.00am – 12noon Level 2	Cub Scout Days Sunday 8.00am – 3.00pm Level 1	Scout Course Days Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm	Gliding
February	5 / 26	12	13	19	AS
March	19	5 / 26	6 / 27	12	
April	9	-	-	2	R
May	21	14 / 28	15 / 29	7	E
June	18	-	-	4	Q
July	30	16	17	23	U
August	20	6 / 27	7 / 28	13	I
September	10	-	-	3	R
October	22	8 / 29	9 / 30	15	E
November	12	19	20	5 / 26	D

All bookings to Branch Headquarters – Bryan Brown 0409 272 268

Costs:

Joey Scouts \$12

Cub Scouts Level 1 \$50 (includes flight in a light aircraft)

Cub Scouts Level 2 \$47 (includes flight in a light aircraft)

Scouts \$57 (includes flight in a light aircraft)

Gliding \$95 (includes flight and accommodation) (This is a self catering Course.)

Vacancies exist in all sections -- so

Book now for a great, informative, fun day!
Further information is available from the Website.



Ian McLeary
Branch Commissioner Air Activities



**REMINDER: Authorised Badge Secretary and
Authorised Trading Cards**

Due 31 May 2011, please be advised that any orders for badges or attempts to charge to a Formation account without the above documentation after the due date has past will result in the order being rejected.

All forms due 31st May 2011

Only Formations listed will be able to purchase Award Scheme Badges and/or will be eligible to charge items to the Formation Account (subject to credit restrictions). Please submit your paperwork as soon as possible to ensure continuity of supply.

Forms can be downloaded from the Branch website under the Forms section of the Members Only Area

Marketing Scouts to the Community

"Marketing is too important to be left to the marketing department" David Packard, HP

That's not to say the important work of Scouts Queensland's marketing team is not valued, Mr Packard's remark above reflects the need for every member of an organisation or company to embrace the importance of marketing, promotion and brand awareness.

So what does that mean to Scouting and what has it got to do with me? I hear your rhetoric as you read this. If we identify that our Brand is **Scouting** and our company is **Scouts Queensland**, this means that as Leaders we all represent Scouts Queensland to the community; everything we do is related to the marketing of our company, from how we wear our uniform, how we talk to our Youth Members, how we answer the phone for enquiries or even how promptly we reply to emails. All of this creates an image within the community that hits at the integrity of the organisation.

The fact that you are reading this article indicates you believe in the fundamental principles of Scouts Queensland and as Leaders wish to continue to develop the Scouting journey for more Youth Members within the community.

So what can be done to ensure Scouting reaches as many Queensland Youth as possible? As well as being great role models and 'cashing in' on the best marketing tool (word of mouth) our Youth Members and their families. As great marketers we need to identify the following within the Group, District or Region using a SWOT analysis (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats)

- What is the target audience (families with youth) within your local community? Your local Council member can assist you in understanding the breakdown of the local community including future planning options or development which may assist with developing your Group, District or Region
- Do you measure up to your Brand? Do your Leaders reflect your Brand? Have a look at your Group, District, Region – be constructively critical – how does it measure up to the Scouting Principles
- Does your communication strategy comply with your Brand? Provide people with effective ways to communicate with you, if you don't want to be contacted via mobile or email for example don't provide this option to people – but remember options like email are very cost and time effective
- What is the community perception of your Brand? Do you often hear the phrase "Gosh I didn't know Scouts were in" – probably not a great community perception then, the difficulty with managing and marketing our Brand is that for the most part Scouting is done out of sight of the local community. Our Dens are often at the end of streets, hidden amongst the bush as well as our Scout Campsites where the most activities are based. That is the reason people are often unaware of the myriad of Scouting activities regularly taking place over most weekends throughout the State. Take every opportunity to be seen in public in uniform when you can.

Building relationships and networking are the key phrases required to continue to develop our Brand awareness, establish relationships with:

- Local Council (are required to assist community groups and build healthy communities)
- Local newspaper, community radio (all have to put in a certain per cent of local stories)
- Local developers and business networks (keeping your ear to the ground and at the coal face can assist with fundraising and sponsorship as well as early knowledge of changes within the community)
- Principals and Religious Leaders (they hold the key to the many youth that could be provided with a Scouting opportunity)
- Police Community Networks (they will often support positive opportunities for youth and provide assistance)

After you look at your local area you will have a stronger understanding of where there are opportunities to market your Brand. Ensure your Brand messages are consistent:

- Newsletters, media releases consistent and positive messages
- Emails, phone calls, prompt response time
- Uniforms standardisation

There is a lot of supportive information available within the Charter and other documentations available online www.scoutsqld.com.au and the Marketing and Promotion Manager is always available to assist you via Scouts Queensland Centre.

In summary

- Image is everything
- Deliver what you Promise
- Know your customer base
- Build partnerships
- Be Prepared to be flexible
- Be true to your Brand

And remember we all belong to the same organisation so we are all here to support each other but most importantly to develop our Youth Members. Enjoy your marketing experience.

Robyn Devine
Devine Media Solutions

SCOUTS IN ACTION WEEK

Scouts in Action Week is on again in 2011 following last year's success. Over 33,000 Scout & Leaders from across Australia participated in learning first aid skills. Fake blood, fake wounds, mock emergencies were all part of the fun and action of Scouts in Action Week – First Aid.

Thanks to St John Ambulance Australia members that helped Scouts learn vital first aid skills that could help save a life. The Vodafone Foundation Australia's – World of Difference program made all this possible and a special B.R.A.V.O. must go to them for the fantastic support they provided.

If you missed any of the programs from last year, no problems, the website is still active and programs can be downloaded anytime - <http://scoutsfirstaid.stjohnqld.com.au>
2011 will see Scouts in Action Week focus on **disability awareness** and all members of the Scouts Australia community are invited to participate. You might want to help out at an Agoonoree or have a special night where the entire, Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew are blindfolded!

Here is a real chance to raise the awareness of our members about those with special needs such as:

Autistic spectrum disorder
Intellectual impairment
Learning difficulties
Medical conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy
Mental health problems
Mobility impairment
Speech-language impairment
Vision or hearing impairment

Special programs and activities for all sections of Scouting will once again be developed and made available via a dedicated 'Scouts in Action' website where you will be able to register your Group so you can receive updates and other valuable information that will enhance the experience for you and your members.

There will also be a special badge that members will be able to wear on their uniform.

For more information on disabilities and Scouting visit the World Bureau site at http://scout.org/en/information_events/library/diversity/guidelines_on_scouting_for_people_with_disabilities and you can start your education today.

You can also mark your calendar for 2011 Scouts in Action Week 2011, 22-28 August 2011.





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or

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Do you want to do Service on your next section camp? Call Tony on 0424 143 729