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Laura Powe with members of Indonesian Scouting on the recent International Scout Peale Camp.

Be Prepared...  
for new adventure!



# What you need to know

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

- 18 Kanyanya
- 24-25 Darling Downs Region Scout Standards Camp
- 25-26 Youth Activities Camp
- 31 Appointment of Badge Secretary Cards Due
- 31 Authorized Trading Officers Forms Due
- 31 Finance Returns Due

### June

- 1 Brisbane North Region Joey Scout Big Day Out
- 02 Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General Meeting
- 05 World Environment Day
- 07 Queensland Scout Foundation Grants Open
- 28-31 Triple SSS
- 28-6 Brisbane Gang Show
- 29-6 Queensland Venture
- 30 Youth Awards Submission Deadline (BP, QS and ASM for 2013 Presentation)

### July

- 12-14 Region Commissioners Conference
- 13 Gold Coast Region Junior Kokoda Challenge
- 18 Brisbane North Region Coaching Session

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## FACT SHEETS

New fact sheets are being developed to assist all Leaders. These will be made available on the website through an icon named FACT SHEETS. The second fact sheet is now available. This month is *Promoting Good Behaviour*. Use the content wisely.



Kirsty M Brown OAM  
Chief Commissioner

## REPORT CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS AND ABUSE!

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the General Manager on **07 3870 7000**. Once we receive a notification, the Association will make an immediate report to the relevant authorities.

If an individual has made a report to the relevant authority, they should also report the matter to the General Manager. The Association will then make direct contact with the relevant authority about the matter.

Reporting to the Association enables the Association to work directly with the authorities in managing the matter. It enables the Association to take immediate action under its policies, in consultation with the authorities.

## Deadline for the next issue

The next deadline for submissions

# 31 May 2013

Submit your articles to  
[encompass@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:encompass@scoutsqld.com.au)



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## INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURES

Salam Pramuka!

Scouts Australia sponsored 3 participants to attend the *International Scout Peace Camp* held in Indonesia from 24th-30th March. The camp was an initiative of the Messengers of Peace project, which involves individuals and NSOs in peace-building activities. 135 International participants from 31 countries met with 485 scouts from across Indonesia in Cibubur, Jakarta, to expand and develop the Peace Network by promoting international friendship and increasing participants' cultural understanding.

The camp began with a three-day off-site activity where participants were transported across Java to three different villages for a cultural immersion



experience. My group travelled to Sukaratu village in Banten province, about 5 hours south-west of Jakarta, where we received a grand reception: smiling villagers lined the streets, including hoards of neatly-dressed school children, laughing and waving as we passed. After a whirlwind of welcome dances we were allocated to a homestay family. Mrs Titi, a dressmaker, and her thirteen-year-old daughter welcomed my Indonesian friends Rie, Sherly and I into their modest home, where we were happily absorbed into their daily lifestyle. We slept on roll-out mats in the lounge room, embraced the 4am call-to-prayer routine, and were treated to flavorsome home-cooked cuisine. Eating salty-sweet fried rice and fish for breakfast did take some getting used to!

A diverse activity program had us traversing the countryside on many adventures with our new scouting friends. For the Culture component of the program, we milked the cows before sunrise, wandered through tranquil tea fields, tried our luck at fishing, played local instruments, and twirled into the night with lessons in traditional dance and martial arts. In a pilgrimage to nearby Padang Mountain, we climbed the steps to the breathtaking historical mountaintop, scattered with rectangular stones older than the pyramids of Giza. In true scouting style, I also enjoyed a memorable ride on a buffalo plough through a rice paddock in knee-deep mud. After all, what would a scout camp be without muddy antics?

We visited a local school as part of our Community Service, where we walked on stilts and played traditional schoolyard games



with the young children. The Western visitors were constantly approached in the streets for photographs, and even autographs. The remote village rarely receives travellers, let alone hundreds of scouts, so we were instant celebrities.

The second phase of the program was a Peace Forum and

participation in a Global Development Village workshop, where scouts viewed displays from NGOs, sharing ideas about Environment, Youth and Population and Health. Participants discussed scouting's role as a catalyst for social change and contribute to society's development. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the last three program days, however, my fellow participants assured me of their success.

Scouting in Indonesia is structured quite differently to Australian scouting in that it is a gender-segregated school-based movement. It is a religious organization whose principles promote National loyalty, and participation by school students is compulsory. Local scouts were delighted to engage in badge swapping and were fascinated by stories of scouting overseas, as many have never had the financial means to travel.

The Peace Camp was a unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Rovers from across the globe and to experience an authentic side of Indonesian culture. Our hosts showed great kindness and generosity, and with such an environment of friendship, learning and cultural acceptance, the camp certainly lived up to its theme of 'Scouting Builds Peace'.

Laura Powe (Kite) –Rover – St John's Wood Rover Crew, and Assistant Scout Leader - Wilston Scout Group.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> TOOWOOMBA SCOUTS TO FEATURE IN VIDEO FOR UNESCO.

On 19<sup>th</sup> April Mr Haniff from the Pure Land College Multi-faith Multicultural Centre visited 2<sup>nd</sup> Toowoomba. His assistant and himself came to interview the Scouts for a Video that will be presented in Paris at the upcoming UNESCO.



Mr Haniff said the (Pure Land Learning College) have been invited to The UNESCO peace conference in Paris. At the Conference we are sharing what there is in Toowoomba. We are showcasing our City as a good model of peace and harmony. Hence we are producing a video clip. We will be taking clips of others as well such as teachers and community leaders.

Mr Haniff commented that Last Friday's Scouting event had a lot to show, "character development in the making, family unity, and community spirit. In Toowoomba we note, the scouts, community organisation, our schools and leaders are all doing their bits to build this city that thrives on trust and harmonious living. A video can carry this message."

2<sup>nd</sup> Toowoomba Scouts encourages its members to be citizens of the wider community and being part of this project is very exciting.



# News and events

## MACKAY CITY CENTRAL ADVENTURES

Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts from Mackay City Central and Banksia Scout Group gathered at the Banksia Scout Den, Fernleigh Avenue, to hold a Fun Activity Day with the Theme "Fun at the Fair."

There were clowns and fairies conducting the activities at bases for the youth members to try out. Face Painting, colouring activities, peg throwing, frizzbies, three-legged jousting, bocce, wet sponge throwing, balloon bursting, bubble blowing, catapults, match stick puzzles were all activities on offer for the Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts.



### Grey Wolf Award Presentation

When Cub Scout Jade Tomlinson of Sarina Scout Group was presented with her Grey Wolf Award on Saturday it was truly a family affair. Jade's Grandmother Sandra Tomlinson Group Leader of Bauple Scout Group presented her with her badge, certificate and a special gift of a Grey Wolf head woggle.



Present at the celebration were her mother Kelly Tomlinson, Joey Scout Leader, Sarina Scout Group, father Mark Tomlinson who is relieving as the Scout Leader, Uncle Brett

Tomlinson, Group Leader Sarina Scout Group, grandfather former Leader Graham Tomlinson, along with siblings, fellow Cub Scouts, as well as Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney, some Region Leaders, and Cub Scout parents.

The highlights for Jade in scouting has been, attending Future Scout Day at AJ2013 at Maryborough in January, and attending Cuboree 2012 at Seeonee Park, Rockhampton.

Her Grey Wolf presentation was held at the Apex Park in Sarina, after a feast of sausages washed down with billy tea. A special celebratory cake was cut for the occasion. Jade joined the Sarina Scout Group as a six year old Joey Scout in 2008 and will soon progress to the Scout Section.



### ANZAC DAY

Attendance of scouting members at Anzac Parades in the Central and Coastal Region was very pleasing to see.

## SCOUTS IN ACTION WEEK 2013 – SCOUTING IN THE COMMUNITY



This year's Scouts in Action Week is all about getting out into the community and partnering with other community organisations. Groups or Sections could work on a community project with the local Lions or Rotary Clubs. You might like to run a weekend camp for another organisation that does not have camping equipment or have never experienced camping before. Joey Scouts could join up with other Mobs and collect food and other items for the local animal shelter and everyone could earn their Caring and Sharing badge or Buddy Scheme Badge but incorporate something that involves an organisation outside of Scouting.

How about the Troop running a camp or a program for disadvantaged youth or Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts working on a joint project that will benefit the local community, it could be service based or something for the environment.

AJ2013 built 160 picnic tables for the community, what about getting an organisation like Men's Shed to help build tables or something else you can donate to the local community.

The options are endless, so let's get out there and show the community what we are about. This is a great way to promote Scouting.

To register go to [www.scoutsinactionweek.com](http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com)

## GLENNIE HEIGHTS SCOUT GROUP PADDLE FOR ADVENTURE

Six scouts from Glennie Heights group in Warwick undertook an Explorer level hike at Leslie Dam on 27-28 April. The Scouts, Jacob, Max, Jennifer, Leesa, Caitlin and Jacqui carried everything they needed for an overnight camp in their canoe including tents, cooking equipments, food and clothing. The scouts paddled from the sailing club near the dam wall around the port side of the dam through to Rocklands reserve at the far end of the dam. Here they set up camp, and had a great social time.



The next morning they cooked breakfast before travelling back over the morning to where it all began.

Although they were supervised on the water by Rover Scouts and Leaders, they did all of the work themselves and have every right to be very proud of themselves. Well done.



## BAANYA 2013 – WIVENHOE WANDERINGS

Last weekend the Brisbane North Region held its annual camp at Lake Wivenhoe with 110 scouts and over 30 Leaders attending. The theme for the weekend was based around water activities with most scouts completing the practical component of their water safety badge at the appropriate level. Scouts also undertook canoeing, raft building and orienteering on the Saturday.



Saturday night saw the judging of their Patrol flags which had been designed and created during the first 24 hours of the camp, along with their two course meal. The standard of meals was outstanding and really impressed the judges.



Kalinga Penguin Patrol was placed first while TMT Dingo was placed second in the flag competition while Kalinga Penguin also won the meal competition with Kalinga Llama placed second.



After tea Scouts competed in a wide game followed by a camp fire where every one of the 21 Patrols participated. The night was finished off with a well organized Scouts Own by the Patrol Leaders.



The final day saw a small regatta held on the lake. Each patrol was represented in one of the 7 canoe races with the final being won by the Wilston Roadrunner Patrol.



An Iron Scout competition was held where participants had to complete a course of approximately 600 m involving two swimming legs, two running legs and a short water polo drill in the water. The girls' race was won by Kate Davidson from TMT Dingo



Patrol while the encouragement award went to Marlaine Carter from Grovely Mitchelton Rosella Patrol. The boys' race saw Daniel Johns from Kalinga Penguin Patrol successful in winning while the

encouragement award was a tie between Zhengkai Fang and Albert Michelle both from TMT Dingo Patrol.

The final segment of the camp saw a team of Leaders pitted against a team of Scouts in a raft building competition. The Leaders did have a win but eventually their raft sank from the combined forces of the Scouts.

Congratulations to all Scouts for their efforts over the weekend and a big thank you to all the Leaders for attending. A special thank you to my team of District Leaders who worked tirelessly to bring the whole weekend together to make it a success.



## LEADERS HAVE FUN TOO

At a recent DTM in Nambour the Leaders practiced some of the games the youth members might enjoy. I think these two Leaders had way too much fun.

## AGOONOREE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOW AVAILABLE

Calling all SCOUTS, VENTURER SCOUTS, ROVER SCOUTS and LEADERS, Agoonoree expression of interest 2013

forms are now available. Forms can be downloaded from the brand new Agoonoree website [agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au](http://agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au). Why wait, Agoonoree is your answer to fun these September school holidays. For more information on the camp or to get in contact with our executive team head to Agoonoree website!



## SSS 2013

**When—**Friday the 28th June to Monday 1st of July 2013

**Where**

*BP Park, Samford, Brisbane*

**How to be part of the fun**

Expressions of interest are in the March edition of Encompass and online at [www.sss.scoutsqld.com.au](http://www.sss.scoutsqld.com.au)

# Chief Commissioner of Queensland



Kirsty M Brown OAM



**The new Scouting year has just begun and Action for Growth is well and truly on my mind this month.**

It is extremely pleasing to note that at 31 March 2013 there is a 12.7% growth on last year's numbers in Queensland Branch. While we have a long way to go to grow the Branch we have validated evidence that Queensland has begun this task. Now it's up to everyone to ensure we retain all these members and deliver what we promise. The 2013 Sign On Day has contributed greatly to this growth but we need to keep this momentum going.

## **Better Scouting for More Young People**

While the growth of our Movement is ultimately the result of delivering high-quality Scouting, haphazard growth is not sustainable. The factors affecting the growth and development of the Queensland Branch varies from one town or suburb to another, but whatever the situation, offering better Scouting to more young people requires a strategic focus.

Through better recruitment, retention, improved transition processes and a reduction in the number of young people on waiting lists, Scouting can ensure greater social impact.

Keep up the momentum that we have begun and retain those 12.7% young people and grow the membership further through 2013.

## **Adult Recognition Awards**

The awards panel met on 11 April and approved or not approved the numerous submissions received. Many submissions did not meet the criteria laid down by the National Association and as a result were not accepted before we have to forward them to the National Association for final acceptance.

It is extremely important that when a person writes submissions that they actually check the criteria for the possible award. Has the person completed the required training if a uniform member? If a non-uniform person, do we have adequate information on what they have been doing beyond the role they hold? If they hold a previous award have they met the additional criteria since their last award? Is the citation strong enough to warrant the award? These awards are not Long Service Awards, which is a separate process entirely.

Regardless of the few that could not be considered I am hopeful of a great result from the Queensland Branch for 2013 awards.

## **New Regional Director for the Asia-Pacific Region**

In agreement with the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee, Scott Teare, Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, has appointed Mr. J. Rizal Pangilinan, 50 years old, from Morong, Rizal, Philippines, as the new Regional Director for the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Regional Office.

J. Rizal Pangilinan – known to many as “J.R.” – will take over from Abdullah Rasheed in July 2013 when Rasheed retires and returns to the Maldives. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend

our thanks and best wishes to Abdullah Rasheed for his involvement in World Scouting notably in the Asia-Pacific Region during the last 11 years. I have worked with J.R. on many occasions overseas and find him to be a true professional and very competent in what he does.

J.R. Pangilinan previously held the position of Director, Program & Community Development at the Asia-Pacific Regional Office of the WSB before returning to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines where he served as Director of Field Operations, Assistant Secretary General and, since 2003, Secretary General.

J.R. holds a Master of Arts degree with a major in Administration and Supervision. He also holds the rank of Commander in the Philippines Coast Guard Auxiliary. Throughout his career, J.R. has developed and maintained a strong network both regionally and internationally.

Having spent more than 20 years serving Scouting, J.R. received the Loyalty Award from the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in 2009 and the Gold USA Award in 2012. He also holds numerous awards from other National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region.

We extend a warm welcome to J.R. Pangilinan as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities for World Scouting.

## **Adults in Scouting**

Over the weekend 20-21 April, I participated in the National Adults In Scouting Committee meeting where we spent considerable time refining the process of Adult Development Plans which is a vital part of the Adults in Scouting process (reappoint, reassign, retire).

The ADP is an opportunity for the adult member to self-reflect and set a personal plan of achievement to do their best for the future. We have begun the process by setting the ADPs for the Branch and Region teams and this will soon be reintroduced at District and Group level. You will undertake your ADPs every three years or when you change roles.

Remember, all Leader appointments are for three years only and of course all members are able to be reappointed after they have undertaken this review.

Well managed review processes are a critical part of an Adult Member's growth. Managed in the right manner they can become something that is looked forward to and valued. They should never be seen as a necessary evil for the giving of constructive feedback can be the greatest gift of all.

## **APPROVED EVENT BADGES FOR UNIFORM**

Name of Badge	Date Approved	Date to be removed
AJ2013 Badge	21 December 2012	21 March 2013
Maroon Name Tapes		1 April 2014



# Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts



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Joey Scout Jaunt is fast approaching, have you booked it into your long range calendar? This year's event will be held on Saturday 3 August 2013 commencing at 10.00 am with a parade and concluding after our campfire which will start at 2.30 pm. The theme is 'CARTOON CHARACTERS' – this theme will provide Leaders with an opportunity to develop a host of wonderful and exciting bases – just let your imaginations go wild.



At this year's Joey Scout Jaunt we will have the Scout shop from QSC, St Johns First Aid, the Fire brigade, Environmental Base, a rock wall, screen printing, a rope bridge and much more. The Scout Museum will be open providing an 'Cartoon Character' theme for those visiting, and for those Leaders and Parents requiring something a bit stronger than water or soft drink, a coffee van will be available again for you to buy a variety of coffees to refresh those weary limbs.

Last year's event was a great success with increased numbers and bases for youth members to enjoy and have fun. For this year's event to be just as successful it will require the same commitment from those faithful, reliable Leaders and also for those Joey Scout Leaders who in past years have enjoyed those excellent bases, to step up and provide a base with which other youth members, their Leaders and parents can enjoy.

This is your opportunity to be part of something great, with excellent rewards from seeing Joey Scouts experiencing and benefiting from your hard work. If you do not feel confident or wish to provide a base by yourself, why don't you team up with other

Groups in your District/Region to provide a number of activities on a base.

There has been some wonderful thought and design work gone into developing this year's Joey Scout Jaunt badge which can be seen in the picture below, great job everyone. The badges cost \$3.00 and can be pre ordered with registration on the form available on the Scouts Qld Website

## QUEENSLAND JOEY SCOUTS SURVEY 2013

Have you remembered to complete the Queensland Joey Scout Survey 2013? If you haven't, it is important to have your say in what training format we can assist you in developing in your role as a Joey Scout Leader. Without your valued input, we will only have some information when determining what we can provide – **have your say, this is your opportunity.**

## RED BOOK

What is Red Book? Red Book is a set of documents developed back in March 1999 by the then Branch Commissioner for Joey Scouts – Wilma Everingham. Wilma invited Leaders from across Queensland to send in program ideas which were then collated and developed as resource material for Joey Scout Leaders. These resources covering weekly programs and mob holidays have resurfaced and are now available on our website in the members area under 'section' then 'Joey Scouts'. Print or save these documents and they should help in those moments when ideas for programs are not flowing.

Any problems finding the resources, email me through my BC email address and I will help you locate the documents.

Upcoming dates for 2013

Mothers' Day – 12 May 2013

Joey Scout Jaunt, BP Park Samford – 03 August 2013

Skillarama, Redcliffe Show Grounds – 07 September 2013

Fathers' Day – 08 September 2013



## HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

All Mobs are invited to participate in the Hands Across the Water Program. All Mobs that participate in this program are eligible to purchase the Hands Across the Water blanket badge.

### Aim of the Badge

To make two overseas contacts (2 separate groups over 12mth) with Joey Scout-age children, swap Scouting items and run a typical meeting provided by the overseas Mob.

### How to apply.

For more details register today for HATW by emailing your details to [penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

# Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts



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## REVIEWING THE TERM – WAS IT A SUCCESS?

Just before the start of each term the Pack Council should meet to review the success of the current terms program to know what activities worked well and to know what changes need to occur to the program for the next term.

### REVIEW OF THE TERMS PROGRAM – *Was it a success?*

It is time to get out the checklists again. This time you are reviewing what has actually taken place to help future planning.

#### REVIEW OF PROGRAM BY SIXES

**REVIEW COMPLETED BY:** (List the Pack Council members reviewing last terms program)

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sixer/Second \_\_\_\_\_ Sixer \_\_\_\_\_

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Leaders: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FEEDBACK FROM SIXES

Sixes should discuss the following questions about last terms program so that Sixer's can bring the feedback to the Pack Council meeting –

**(See attachment 1)**

1. What were the best parts of the program this term and why?
2. What have you learnt this term?
3. What were your favorite games?
4. What are you looking forward to next term?

## OVERALL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS PROGRAM

What score will your Pack achieve for your program last term? Add up your points

250 – 300 points – Congratulations on a great term!

200 – 250 points – Well done your program was successful

**/300**

#### RUNNING THE MEETINGS

- ☐ Sixers helped to run some games and activities every week (10 points)
- ☐ Sixers taught their patrols new skills (10 points)
- ☐ Leaders shared responsibility for their part of the program (10 points)
- ☐ There was flexibility implementing the program (10 points)
- ☐ The Pack Council has met at least once (10 points)

#### AWARD SCHEME

- ☐ All planned badges were completed (10 points)
- ☐ The Pack is on target to achieve all planned badges for the year (10 points)
- ☐ Badges were presented to 50% of the pack (20 points)

#### ATTENDANCE

- ☐ All Sixes had regular attendance (10 points)
- ☐ No Cub Scouts quit the pack (20 points)

#### PROGRAM

- ☐ A variety of games and activities were used (10 points)
- ☐ The program included at least 2 new games and 2 new activities (10 points)

- ☐ A theme was used over several weeks (10 points)
- ☐ Yarns or stories were used (10 points)
- ☐ Self expression activities were included (10 points)
- ☐ Craft activities were completed (10 points)
- ☐ The themes of the Jungle Book were used or discussed (10 points)
- ☐ At least 40% of activities were completed in sixes (10 points)
- ☐ At least 50% of the program occurred outdoors (10 points)
- ☐ Spiritual Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ Physical Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ Intellectual Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ Emotional Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ Social Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ Character Development was incorporated into the program (10 points)
- ☐ It was fun! (20 points)
- ☐ It was challenging (20 points)
- ☐ All Cub Scouts lived by the values of the Scout Promise and Law (10 points)

***The leaders now collate all of the information provided by the Pack Council and then use it to modify and improve the program for the coming term in conjunction with the long term planning tools.***



# Branch Commissioner Scouts



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I can get a bit anal sometimes when it comes to numbers, perhaps that's the Engineer in me. The good thing about numbers is that they are unbiased and not influenced by conjecture, unless a statistician gets involved somewhere.

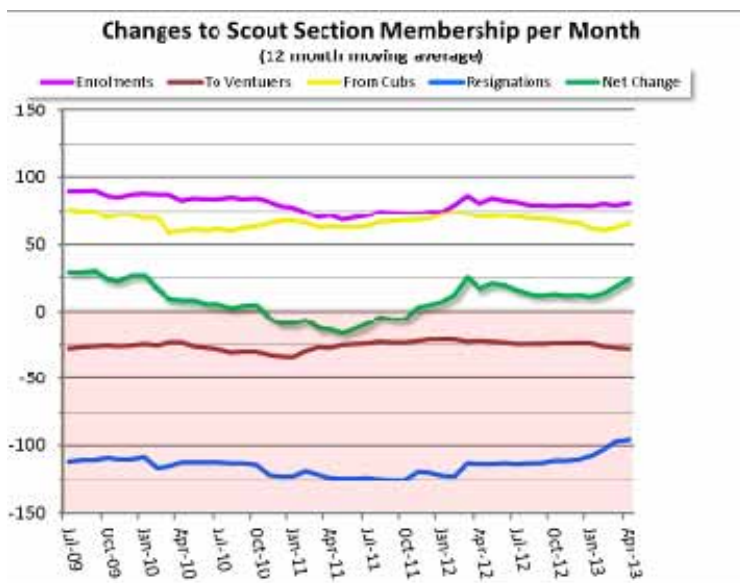
The chart below shows the numbers of Scouts moving into and out of the Scout Section. The number that is displayed is a moving average. This done to remove all of the little ups and downs from month to month and shows the general trend.

There are a couple of trends occurring that we should all be able to take some pride in, the main one being retention (blue line). This is a major problem for Scouting as a whole and is a direct reflection on the programs and leadership opportunities we are providing to our Scouts.

It's fantastic to see that this has now dropped to below 100. While it's great to see this figure improving it is still quite sobering to think that we are failing to meet the needs of almost 100 Scouts each month. It can be likened to 4 whole Scout Troops being lost each and every month.

Movements to and from our neighbouring Sections has had its ups and downs but generally it has been reasonably constant. Currently both of these trends are showing a slight increase and I'd like to challenge you to keep the upward trend going.

It's extremely important that we maintain a close relationship with our neighbouring Sections so that we can provide progressive development. Do you have any activities planned this term with other Sections? Do you or your Patrol Leaders visit Cubs regularly? Does your Troop know your Venturer Leader or Unit Chairman? Are linking and going up ceremonies planned in your Group Councils? Is the going up special for each Youth Member?



## ANZAC Day

It's great to see the Scout movement involved in ANZAC Day

services all over the country. I've heard many a story of Scouts getting up early to attend a dawn service then fronting up again for the march and morning service. Many of the Scouts are involved in providing service as part of their local ceremonies. Congratulations to you all for taking a couple of hours to honour the sacrifices made by others.

To raise the awareness of Scouts to our Veterans there is the opportunity to earn the "Their Service – Our Heritage" badge. There is a different badge every year and it can only be worn during the year in which it was presented. To earn this badge requires participation in three relevant activities.

Some suggestions are:

- Take part in an ANZAC Day march or ceremony
- Take part in Remembrance Day
- Invite a Veteran to your meeting to talk to you
- Visit a Veterans Home or the local RSL
- Maintain your local Memorial
- Visit a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

I'm sure that a little brain storming at the next Troop Council will come up with plenty more ideas.

## Scout In Action Week

Scouts in action week is on again this year from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. The theme this year is "Scouting in the Community" and it is aimed at encouraging our Scouts to be involved in working with other community groups towards a project that benefits the local community. Visit [www.scoutsinactionweek.com](http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com) to register and receive updates. Programs from previous years are also available from this site.

## Scout Out

Scout Out will be on this year from the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of October at BP Park. This is a hands on training weekend for Scout Leaders where we get to play like Scouts ourselves. As this is a weekend for you please let me know if there are any special topics you would like included in the program. More details will be available closer to the event but please make sure you put it into your calendar now.



*"The Scout Oath and Law are our binding disciplinary force.."*  
Sir Robert Baden-Powell

# Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts



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## Recruiting New Venturer Scouts

It is a fact of life that Venturer Scouts continue to turn eighteen years of age and leave the Unit, and hopefully move on to Rover Scouts. In the average Unit, every departure constitutes a significant drop, in percentage terms, of the size of the Unit. This leads to some opportunities (arranging transport to activities can be easier) but it presents more challenges, especially to the long term viability of the Unit. Clearly what all Units need to do is gain new members at the same or better rate than they lose members. The challenge is how to do this, and keep doing this.

I have recently posted an item on the Venturer Scout forum about this year's *Scouts in Action Week*. The theme this year is *Scouting in the Community* and it is intended to establish partnerships, either short or long term, with other community groups to showcase the relevance of Scouting to the community. Any increase in the community's positive awareness of Scouting can lead to new membership. We have an excellent program for 14 to 18 year olds and it is a continued source of frustration to me that so few of this age group, and their parents, appreciate this fact. Please have a look at the item on the Venturer Scout forum and challenge your Venturer Scouts to get involved with other community groups, even just for a short while. Who knows what spin-off benefits may arise.

An obvious source of new members is the Scout section, though this is so obvious that it is often taken for granted. Why else do approximately 75% of Scouts fail to be Venturer Scouts? There are many ideas for when and how Venturer Scout Units can promote themselves to Scouts, and I am frequently impressed by the things that I hear Units do do. Maybe this would be a good topic for sharing on the Venturer Scout forum. One idea I want to suggest today is in relation to the VET (vocational education and training) accredited certificates that are on offer to Venturer Scout.

I am sure you are all aware of the *Certificate II in Business* and *Certificate II in Leadership Support* that can be issued after a Venturer Scout attains the Venturer Award – and the description of this in the front of the Venturer Scouts record book. Hopefully you all understand how, in Queensland, these certificates relate to a Venturer Scout's Queensland Certificate of Education. If you'd like to refresh your memory, search for "level 2 vet certificates" in the Venturer Scout forum. The point is, I suspect that many Scouts and their parents are not aware of these opportunities. I have heard of parents who are also leaders in the Scout section be adamant that attaining the Australian Scout Medallion will translate to credit on the Queensland Certificate of Education. Boy, are they in for an unhappy surprise.

For many Venturer Scouts the certificates and the credit that they equate to are not terribly relevant to their plans for when they finish grade 12. This is fine as the Venturer Scouts are old enough to have an idea of where they are going and what they need to get there. For Scouts though, I would argue that the picture is much less clear. Just imagine the potential value a Scout parent may see in this opportunity.

So there you go – find out about how Venturer Scouts can earn the certificates and what the certificates can do for the Venturer Scouts, even if they are clearly not going to rely on them in their careers – and make this information known to the parents of Cub Scouts and Scouts in your Group, to Scouts who are candidates to start their Venturer Scout Link Badge, and the general public whenever you can create the opportunity. Scouting prides itself on being a training organisation. Let's tell the community what that really means.

## Dates (a partial list)

### May

- 3 – 5 May Venture – Karingal campsite, Mount Cotton
- 18 – 19 Operation Archer – Mulgowie
- 22 Branch Venturer Scout Council Meeting – Skype
- 26 Unit Management Course – Eagleby den

### June

- 9 Unit Management Course – St Johns Wood den
- 26 Branch Youth Venturer Scout Council Meeting – Skype
- 29 Queensland Venture 2013 commences

[See <http://venturerforum.scoutsqld.com.au> for details of these activities.]

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# Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts



Gavin Brady

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## BASH IS BACK !

It is with great pleasure, that we announce that Scouts Queensland has been successful in securing insurance for Banana Bash for the next financial year. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls - Bash is back!. Following approval by the Chief Commissioner, the following documents outlining key details in relation to the use of Banana Bash vehicles were announced at the April QBRC meeting:

1. Rover Motorsport 2013 - Key Details
2. Banana Bash Manual - Approved April 2013 (includes vehicle specification & event rules)
3. Approved Queensland Branch Scouting Instruction (QBSI) for Rover Motorsport

The documents can be found on the Queensland Rover Website for your perusal. (You will need to be a member of the website) The QBSI will also be published in Encompass next month.

We cannot stress enough the importance of Rovers reading and observing all aspects of the new policies. For now this means you can start working on your car, you can start it up, move it, put it on the trailer, but you can't do any driving/testing.

Applications for a Chair of Banana Bash are now open. QBRC have also called for expressions for interest for other committee roles. Please read through the attached documents for more information on this. Consistent with past practice, any event Chair applicant will need to be approved by QBRC after an interview, and any proposed date, venue, budget and other key details regarding any Bash event will also need to be approved by QBRC.

We want to stress that it is unlikely that the next event will follow a traditional bash format, as it has been several years since the last event.

This is an exceptional and exciting result achieved through the hard work of a great number of people. More details will be released in the near future. In the meantime, please direct all questions to the BC Rovers at [bc.rovers@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:bc.rovers@scoutsqld.com.au) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

## QBRC ELECTIONS

Nominations have closed and balloting will take place during April/May closing on 3 May 2013 for all QBRC positions except chairman. (Under QBRC rules, deputy automatically goes on to become chair in the following term.) Your region representative is responsible for co-ordinating the votes of Rovers within your region. Make sure to contact your Region Representative, if you haven't heard from

them before 26 April.

## WAM – PERTH –Dec 2013-Jan 2014

Applications are open for the 19<sup>TH</sup> Australian Rover Moot in Perth and Expeditions have now been officially released.

### This fee includes the following:

*All meals for the 12 days of the event, Accommodation for 12 nights, Heaps of On and Off site day activities spread out over 6 action filled days, Night time entertainment, including live bands and New Years Eve party, Opening & Closing ceremonies, Transport to/from day activities, Shuttle bus to Fremantle*



### Payment Schedule:

*Participant \$850 - Deposit of \$450 due by 1-Apr-13; Final Payment of \$400 due by 1-Jul-13*  
*Expedition Fee of \$TBA will be due by 1-Oct-13*

*Staff \$650 - Deposit of \$350 due by 1-Apr-13; Final Payment of \$300 due by 1-Jul-13*  
*Expedition Fee of \$TBA will be due by 1-Oct-13*

### Expeditions:

Every Participant and General Staff\* will get to select and participate in a five day four night expedition. Explore the expeditions available and then head to your application and make your selections. The following expeditions ranging in costs from \$250-\$1000 have been announced:

Bound for Southbound | Perth on a Budget | Sun Soaker | South-West 4WD Adventure | High End Adventure Tour | Diving 101 | South-West Dive Adventure | Vastly Ricketty Rover Rally Race Meet | Pampered in Perth | Sailing on the Swan | Rotto Rampage | Perth Coastal Explorer | Rock 'N' Hole | Hungry Hungry Hippos Go Gourmet | Dwellingup Adventure Tour | Northern Explorer | Southern Explorer | South-West Safari | Munda Biddi Mountain Biking | Hike with Ease | Bibbulmun Bushwalkers | West Coast Waves

### Late Applications

A late fee of \$100 will be added onto the Moot fee for new applications received after 30th September 2013.

### Other costs to consider are:

*Travel to/from Perth (flights, fuel, train ticket), Spending money, Any pre or post moot adventures you seek.*

### FUTURE DATES

QBRC Meeting – 19 May QSC – 7PM  
QBRC June Conference – 24 May – 26 May  
QBRC AGM – 2 June QSC - 7Pm

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# Youth Awards



## JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE

Ariel McIntosh  
Brendan Blain  
Kadyn Downes  
Charlee Webb  
Holly Campbell  
Samuel Teis  
Joseph Francisco  
Mitsuki Todd  
Dominic Johnston  
Jayden Ryan  
Jack Walker  
Nikolai Dunstan  
Matthew Dibben  
Abby Frith  
Seth Brooks  
Calen Leitch  
Jared Farrugia  
Jack Peterson  
Anthony Wilson  
Jack McKindley

Maroochydore Scout Group  
Bayview Scout Group  
Capalaba Scout Group  
Wahminda Park Scout Group  
Wahminda Park Scout Group  
Wahminda Park Scout Group  
Sunnybank Scout Group  
Nerang Scout Group  
Grovely Scout Group  
Goodna Scout Group  
Millbank Scout Group  
Millbank Scout Group  
Pimlico Mundingburra Scout Group  
Karalee Scout Group  
Majestic Park Scout Group  
Majestic Park Scout Group  
Majestic Park Scout Group  
Lowood Scout Group  
Lowood Scout Group  
Sarina Scout Group



## CUB SCOUT GREY WOLF AWARD

Lara Walker  
Tabatha Levi  
Cameron Gillespie  
Nathan Barro  
Dylan Cornale  
Emma Dyson  
Jack Wilson  
Jacob Locke  
Anastasia Zatorsky  
Madeline Denny  
Saoirse Jibson  
Zoe Patch  
Alexandra Lutzke  
Benjamin Hennessy  
Emily Neilson  
Matthew Williamson  
Andrew Thomson  
Oliver Smith  
Lucas Milton  
Tracey Lakeman  
Elise Langer  
Zali Gough  
Claire Richter

Glennie Heights Scout Group  
Underwood Scout Group  
Underwood Scout Group  
Caboolture Scout Group  
Mount Cotton Scout Group  
The Gap Scout Group  
The Gap Scout Group  
The Gap Scout Group  
Karana Scout Group  
Karana Scout Group  
Highfields Scout Group  
Redbank Plains Scout Group  
Beenleigh Scout Group  
Narangba Scout Group  
Narangba Scout Group  
Raceview Scout Group  
Aspley Scout Group  
Aspley Scout Group  
Aspley Scout Group  
Manly Lota Scout Group  
Greenbank Scout Group  
Hemmant Scout Group  
Kareeba Scout Group



## VENTURER SCOUT QUEENS SCOUT AWARD

Andrew Parnell  
Liam Hogan

Scoutreach Lones Scout Group  
Rangeville Scout Group

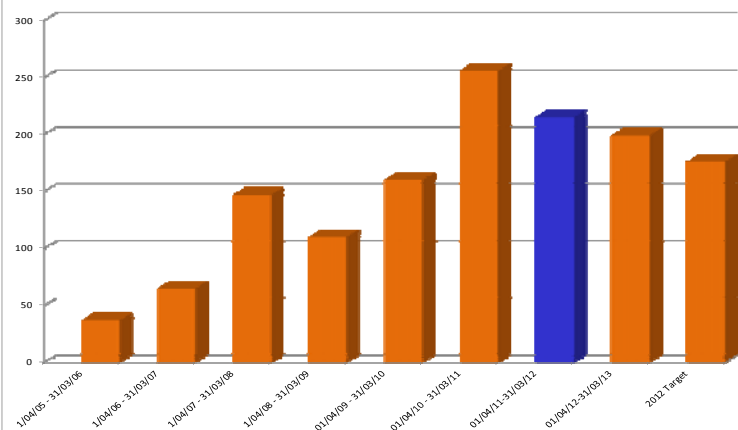


## AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

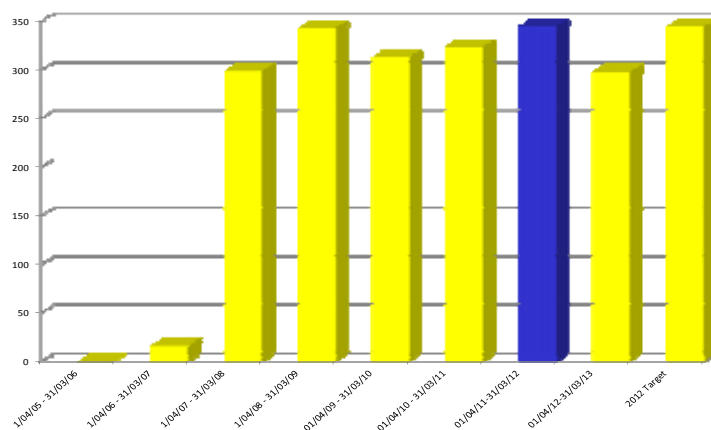
Brittany Summerville  
Alex Stevens

Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group  
Algester Scout Group

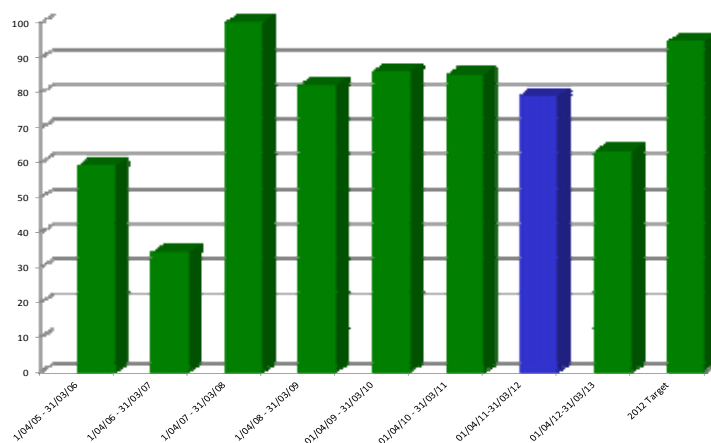
Joey Scout Promise Challenge



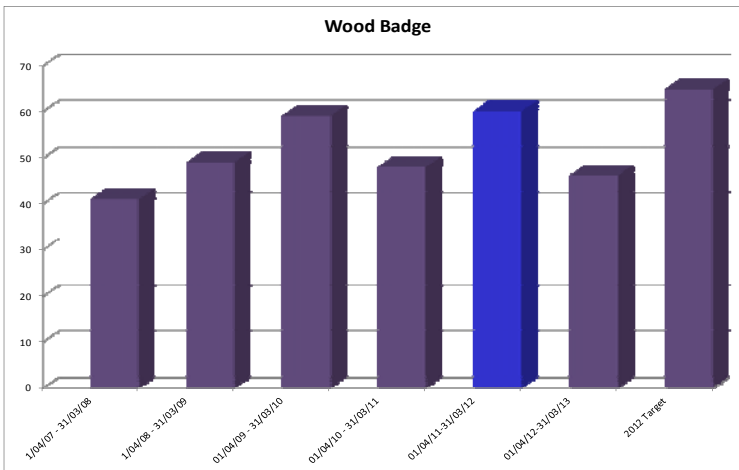
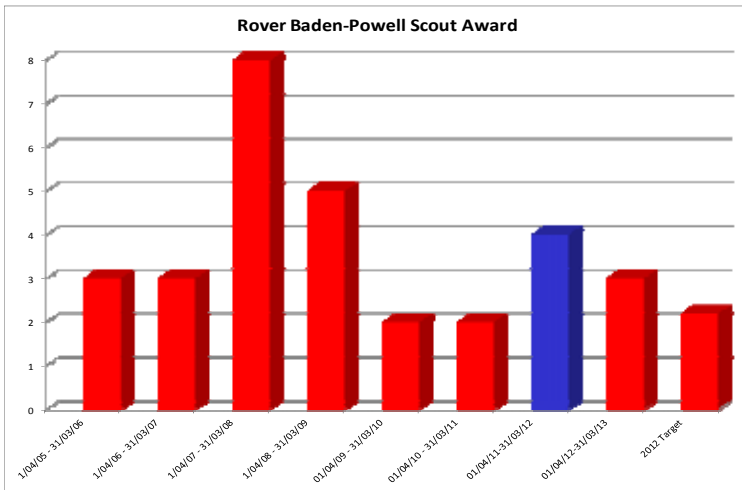
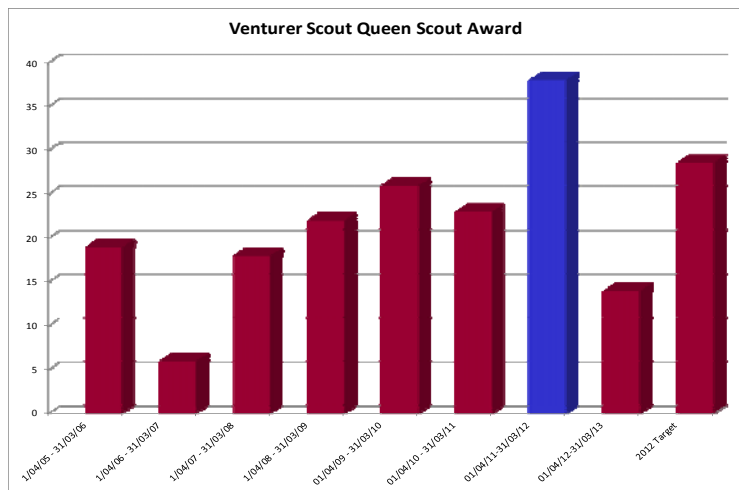
Cub Scout Grey Wolf Award



Scout Australian Scout Medallion







### PLEASE NOTE:

The following forms are required to be submitted for the Youth Award badges to be processed and issued:

- D9—Joey Scout Promise Challenge Application
- D8—Request for the Grey Wolf Award
- D7— Australian Scout Medallion Nomination Form
- D1—Queens Scout Award Recommendation
- D10—Nomination for the Baden Powell Scout Award

All forms are available in the Members Only Area of the Scouts Queensland Website. The Scout Supply Centre is unable to provide these badges directly.



## GOLD COAST REGION PRESENTS



# Night Howl

**Venue: Woodstock, 231-315 Plunkett Rd Tamborine. When: 1-2 June 2013.**

Cub Scouts form a six of 6 Youth Members whose ages add up to no more than 56.

Bases/Activities based on the Boomerang System.

Start time - 6pm onwards. Depending on when registration form received to when you start.

Camping and a Night Howl Badge included in the costing's. **\$12.00pp** - BYO Meals

Contact Person: Sallie Fletcher RL(Cub Scouts) Gold Coast Region [rl.kanga.sal@gmail.com](mailto:rl.kanga.sal@gmail.com)

Ph: 0412 985 554 or AH 3388 5299 Closing Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013

# Training calendar

*Dates are subject to change  
throughout the year*

Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
<b>Committee Development Course</b>				
3781301	Rowallan Park - Mackay	25-May-13 (Sat)	25-May-13 (Sat)	3-May-13 (Fri)
<b>Cub Scout Skills Training 1(e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5101309	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5101313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
5101304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
5101311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Cub Scout Skills Training 2 &amp; 3 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5111302	Baden-Powell Park	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5111307	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5111303	Rowallan Park - Mackay	20-Jul-13 (Sat)	21-Jul-13 (Sun)	28-Jun-13 (Fri)
5111304	Baden-Powell Park	17-Aug-13 (Sat)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
5111313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	31-Aug-13 (Sat)	1-Sep-13 (Sun)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Joey Scout Skills Training 1(e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5001309	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5001313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
5001304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
5001311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Joey Scout Skills Training 2 &amp; 3 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5011302	Baden-Powell Park	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5011307	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5011303	Rowallan Park - Mackay	20-Jul-13 (Sat)	21-Jul-13 (Sun)	28-Jun-13 (Fri)
5011304	Baden-Powell Park	17-Aug-13 (Sat)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
5001314	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	31-Aug-13 (Sat)	1-Sep-13 (Sun)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Leader of Adults Skills Training 1 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5501309	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5501313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
5501304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
5501311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Leader of Adults Skills Training 2&amp;3 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5511302	Baden-Powell Park	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5511307	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5511303	Rowallan Park - Mackay	20-Jul-13 (Sat)	21-Jul-13 (Sun)	28-Jun-13 (Fri)
5511304	Baden-Powell Park	17-Aug-13 (Sat)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
5511313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	31-Aug-13 (Sat)	1-Sep-13 (Sun)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Leadership Training 3 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
4491309	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
4491316	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
4491304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
4491311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
4491314	Queensland Scout Centre	29-Aug-13 (Thu)	12-Sep-13 (Thu)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Module 1 Train the Trainer (2013)</b>				
2801302	Baden-Powell Park	21-Jun-13 (Fri)	23-Jun-13 (Sun)	31-May-13 (Fri)
<b>Module 2 Train the Trainer (2013)</b>				
2811302	Baden-Powell Park	2-Aug-13 (Fri)	4-Aug-13 (Sun)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>Module 4 Train the Trainer (2013)</b>				
2831302	Queensland Scout Centre	10-Aug-13 (Sat)	10-Aug-13 (Sat)	19-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>Scout Skills Training 1 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5201309	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5201313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
5201304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
5201311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Scout Skills Training 2 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5211302	Baden-Powell Park	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5211307	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5211303	Rowallan Park - Mackay	15-Jun-13 (Sat)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
5211304	Baden-Powell Park	17-Aug-13 (Sat)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
5211312	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	31-Aug-13 (Sat)	1-Sep-13 (Sun)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)



# Training calendar

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Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
<b>Scout Skills Training 3 (e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5221306	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5221302	Baden-Powell Park	15-Jun-13 (Sat)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
5221303	Baden-Powell Park	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
5221304	Rowallan Park - Mackay	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Abseiling Level 1 (Natural Surfaces)</b>				
1091309	Stanthorpe	31-May-13 (Fri)	2-Jun-13 (Sun)	10-May-13 (Fri)
1091304	Blackwater	5-Jul-13 (Fri)	7-Jul-13 (Sun)	14-Jun-13 (Fri)
1091305	Barrabadeen Campsite	26-Jul-13 (Fri)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Abseiling Level 2 (Artificial Surfaces)</b>				
1021301	Baden-Powell Park	31-May-13 (Fri)	2-Jun-13 (Sun)	10-May-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Abseiling Level 2 (Natural Surfaces)</b>				
1031301	Baden-Powell Park	31-May-13 (Fri)	2-Jun-13 (Sun)	10-May-13 (Fri)
1031303	Blackwater	16-Aug-13 (Fri)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
1031302	Barrabadeen Campsite	6-Sep-13 (Fri)	8-Sep-13 (Sun)	16-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Bushwalking (Controlled) Level 1</b>				
1041301	Tyamolum Campsite - Mt Crosby	31-May-13 (Fri)	2-Jun-13 (Sun)	10-May-13 (Fri)
1041302	Karingal Campsite	14-Jun-13 (Fri)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
1041303	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
1041304	Tyamolum Campsite - Mt Crosby	2-Aug-13 (Fri)	4-Aug-13 (Sun)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 1</b>				
1051314	Central & Coastal Region	15-Jun-13 (Sat)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
1051308	Murrenbong Campsite - Kurwongbah	23-Aug-13 (Fri)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2</b>				
1061312	Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	3-Aug-13 (Sat)	4-Aug-13 (Sun)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)
1061304	Hervey Bay Sea Scout	23-Aug-13 (Fri)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
1061305	Lake Awoonga Campsite - Gladstone	6-Sep-13 (Fri)	8-Sep-13 (Sun)	16-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Common Core Part A</b>				
7421302	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	2-Aug-13 (Fri)	4-Aug-13 (Sun)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO - Common Core Part B</b>				
7751302	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	2-Aug-13 (Fri)	4-Aug-13 (Sun)	12-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO-Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water ) Level 1</b>				
1071306	Murrenbong Campsite - Kurwongbah	23-Aug-13 (Fri)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>SISO-Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2</b>				
1081304	Hervey Bay Sea Scout	23-Aug-13 (Fri)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Venturer Leadership</b>				
2721302	Nerang	26-Jul-13 (Fri)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>Venturer Scout Skills Training 1(e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5301309	Seonee Park - Rockhampton	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5301313	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	13-Jul-13 (Sat)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)
5301304	Baden-Powell Park	27-Jul-13 (Sat)	28-Jul-13 (Sun)	5-Jul-13 (Fri)
5301311	Rocky Creek Campsite	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
5301314	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	31-Aug-13 (Sat)	1-Sep-13 (Sun)	9-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Venturer Scout Skills Training 2(e-learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5311302	Baden-Powell Park	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5311307	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5311303	Rowallan Park - Mackay	15-Jun-13 (Sat)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
5311304	Baden-Powell Park	17-Aug-13 (Sat)	18-Aug-13 (Sun)	26-Jul-13 (Fri)
<b>Venturer Scout Skills Training 3(e-Learning Practical Weekend)</b>				
5321306	Tarmaroo Campsite (Bluewater)	25-May-13 (Sat)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
5321302	Baden-Powell Park	15-Jun-13 (Sat)	16-Jun-13 (Sun)	24-May-13 (Fri)
5321303	Baden-Powell Park	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
5321304	Rowallan Park - Mackay	24-Aug-13 (Sat)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Venturer Unit Management</b>				
3421304	Beenleigh	26-May-13 (Sun)	26-May-13 (Sun)	3-May-13 (Fri)
3421305	St Johns Wood	9-Jun-13 (Sun)	9-Jun-13 (Sun)	17-May-13 (Fri)
3421306	Banksia	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	25-Aug-13 (Sun)	2-Aug-13 (Fri)
<b>Wood Badge Training 1</b>				
9501302	Baden-Powell Park	12-Jul-13 (Fri)	14-Jul-13 (Sun)	21-Jun-13 (Fri)

# General Manager



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## Outdoors Competitions

There are three exciting competitions run by QORF, the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (Scouts are a member organisation), that Scouts need to be aware of:

1. Queensland Young Adventurer scholarship for a young person or group of young people (16 – 26 years old) up to \$2500. Fancy any funding for an exciting expedition?
2. "It's better Outdoors" Photo Competition: there are seven categories of this Please consider those people you know who may be interested and/or eligible to take part.
3. Visioning the Outdoors Short Film Competition: entries will close 21 June, 2013.

Our members are ideally placed to apply and enter. Please promote them within your area; we have so many members, there should be more Scout entries. For more information on these competitions, please check out the QORF website [www.qorf.org.au](http://www.qorf.org.au).

## 2014 Calendar – photos and sponsorship

Scouts Queensland is also looking for some great photos too. We are planning to produce a 2014 Scouts Queensland calendar. If you have any photos of Scout activities that you would like us to consider for inclusion, please let the Marketing and Promotions Manager ([marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au)) know.

There is also an opportunity to advertise in a calendar that will be distributed across the state. If you belong to a business or organisation which may be interested in advertising in the calendar, please let the Marketing and Promotions Manager ([marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:marketingmanager@scoutsqld.com.au)) know and we will provide details on the advertising rates.

## Membership Fees

By the time this Encompass edition is out, the invoices for membership renewal fees will be with the Group. Please take steps to have all the renewal fees paid on time (30 day terms). All existing members (as at 1 April) are invoiced a renewal fee, which is lower than previous years. There is an increase for new members but this reflects the actual cost of enrolment. This is the new membership fee structure for the Branch.

## Safety and Compliance

It is essential that our properties are safe and compliant with legislation. To ensure that this occurs, and identify and address any issues that may exist, we are embarking on an important multi stage project, starting with a Branch-wide survey. We are also taking this opportunity to gather data on our properties for insurance purposes. Insurers will be able to provide lower premiums if we can provide better information.

The first step is the "Queensland Branch Property and Facilities Audit 2013". Recently a paper copy was sent to all formation leaders (GLs, DCs, RCs, etc) with a link to the online "survey monkey" version, so that the data can be collated efficiently. We are asking that every "Scout" building is inspected with reference to the survey questions. I understand that this is a big project, please make it a team effort and share the load. I would encourage everyone to ask others to assist.

With the survey data, we need to then come up with a plan. Some buildings will need attention; hopefully this can be done locally and are low cost. However, there may be a need for more substantial work requiring grant funding or donations, and we can help with that.

The highest priority is that the buildings are safe. Thank you for your anticipated support and assistance with this project.

## Bunk Bed Legislation

As part of the "Queensland Branch Property and Facilities Audit 2013" the state of bunk beds is being assessed. In October 2012 new bunk bed legislation came into force, and Scout campsites have taken measures to ensure that our bunk beds are either disabled (for bunk rooms used by those under 9 years of age) or compliant. At present, Camp Cooroora (Cooroy) and Tyamolum Campsite (Mt Crosby) are the only two campsites to be assessed as being compliant; others will follow.

The Fair Trading website provides the following advice on bunk bed safety:

- Only children over nine years of age should use bunk beds. (but no Joey Scouts or Cub Scouts)
- Consider using single beds as a safer alternative to bunk beds.
- Don't allow children to play on bunk beds.
- Allow at least two metres of clearance between ceiling fans and bunk beds.
- Ensure the ladder is firmly fixed to the bunk bed.
- Ensure there are no gaps of between 95mm and 230mm that could trap your child's head.
- On the top bunk, make sure that the top of the guardrail is at least 160mm above the top of the mattress to prevent children rolling out.

It is important to restate that there is now a policy that all Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts are prohibited from using the upper bunk of bunk beds. We understand that the new legislation will restrict the number of sites that can be used by medium to large sized Joey Scout Mobs and Cub Scout Packs but we are bound by the legislation and this policy. Thank you for your understanding.

## A BIG THANK YOU!!!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the work being done by our growing volunteer army at the Queensland Scout Centre. It is making a real difference and making a valuable contribution to the organisation. If you can help in the office, spread mulch or weed the garden, plant trees or help as a weekend warden at one of our campsites, please let us know.

Many of you will know Shaun Sandilands, our Marketing and Promotions Manager. He finishes up in this role on Friday 10 May to further his chosen career but will continue in his volunteer positions. Shaun has been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of staff. We thank him for his fine efforts and wish him all the very best for the future. Farewell.



# Administration matters

## ADVERTISING RATES FOR ENCOMPASS



**\$120 full page  
per issue**

**\$60 half page  
per issue**

Space is available for your business to advertise within Encompass each month. Advertising is for commercial organisations only. Scout Groups and activities will continue not be charged for submission of content. Please note terms and conditions do apply. For more details download the advertising guidelines from the Branch website at <http://www.scoutsqld.com.au>

## CHARTERED FORMATIONS

The following Formations have become Chartered or rechartered during the month:

Majestic Park Scout Group



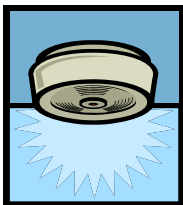
## POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of District Commissioner for Fort Lytton District in Brisbane South Region is available. For further information please contact Ian McPhee, Region Commissioner on [rc@brissouth.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:rc@brissouth.scoutsqld.com.au)

## REMINDER: SMOKE ALARMS

Don't forget to check that smoke alarms exist in your scouting building.

Also remember to check the batteries are current.



## ENROLMENT FEES

Please remember the fees for signing up new Youth Members for the month of April is \$170.00. Members joining in May 2013 will be \$162.00.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The 27th International Scout and Guide Fellowship World conference will be held in Sydney from 11th-15th October 2014. The main objective of the fellowship is to support local communities in need including Scouting and Guiding.

## UNKNOWN BLUE CARDS RECEIVED

We have received Blue Card information from the Commission for the following people, however there is no record of their involvement with Scouting as a Member or an Adult Helper. If any of the people listed below are attached to your Formation please contact the Membership Support officer immediately on 3721 5733 or [membership@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:membership@scoutsqld.com.au). Failure to determine where these people are attached to will result in advice to the Commission of their non involvement with Scouting in Queensland.



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## IMPORTANT: SUBMISSION OF ADULT MEMBER FORMS AND BLUE CARD APPLICATIONS/ CONFIRMATIONS

Please note, All Adult Member Application forms and Adult Helper/ Badge Examiner Forms require a Working with Children Blue Card Application Form or Confirmation of a Valid Blue Card Form to be submitted with them. Failure to attach this will result in the application being returned.

Applications for Working With Children Blue Card Forms cannot be processed without the accompanying Adult Member/Supporter Form attached. Failure to attach this will result in the application being returned.

## UPDATED FORMS

The following forms have been updated on the Scouts Queensland Website in the Members Only Area. To download these forms you need Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Form	Description	Issue	Date
A5	Youth Member Registration Form	24	04/13
A12	Adult Development Plane	10	04/13
A71	Diploma Application Form	13	04/13
G4	Air Activities Course Application Form	4	04/13

# Program Ideas

## BATTLESHIPS AND MINEFIELDS

Equipment—Blindfolds

Instructions—All but one member of one Six are blindfolded and stand in a line (the Battleship), one behind the other, with hands on the hips of the Cub in front of them. The remaining Six member is the Captain of the Battleship. All other Cubs sit (without blindfolds) around the floor, or some portion thereof (the Minefield), of the hall, far enough apart so that the Battleship can easily pass between any two, but in a way that there is no clear path from one end of the minefield to the other. The Captain must guide his Battleship through the Minefield giving only instructions comprising a Compass Direction and a Number of Paces. The 'Mines' of course, must remain very quiet throughout, lest they reveal their position to the Battleship. Set a time limit for the passage.

## BALLOON BOUNCE

Equipment—One inflated balloon for each Six (or team)

Instructions—Members of each Six form a close circle around their Sixer. The Sixer holds the balloon. At a given signal, each Sixer taps his or her balloon into the air. The object of the game is to keep the Six's balloon in the air by tapping it upwar. No Cub may touch the balloon twice in a row; there must always be an intervening tap from another Cub. If a Six's balloon touches a Cub from another Six, the Cub touched must drop out. Cubs from one Six can interfere with Cubs from another Six as long as they don't touch the other's balloon. As soon as a balloon touches the floor, all members of that Six must drop out. The last Six left is the winner.



## CATCH IT—HEAD IT

Equipment—Ball

Instructions—The Pack stands in a circle with a player/Leader in the middle. The person in the middle throws the ball to anyone in the circle, shouting "Catch It!" or "Head It!". If the player in the circle catches the ball when the order was to head it, or vice versa, they are out.



## CUB SCOUT BOOMERANG (SILVER) TEST 10 – DISCOVERY

*Make a simple colour wheel and show when rotated how the colours blend to form a white colour*

### Resources

- Cardboard discs (8cm dia)
- (Strong) thread or fine string
- Paper colour wheel templates
- Coloured pencils, crayons or felt pens
- Scissors or circular cutter
- Paper glue



### Instructions

1. Colour in a colour wheel template.

Two different templates are provided. One has 14 divisions, to be coloured in using the seven basic colours of the rainbow (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet). Colour two wheel divisions (either adjacent or opposite segments) in each colour; The second template is divided into 6 segments, and is also divided radially with 4 concentric rings. This template can be used to observe the effects of mixing different combinations of colours (e.g. Red + Blue, Red + Yellow, Blue + Yellow);

2. Cut out the coloured wheel, using either scissors or a circular cutter.

3. Using a small amount of paper glue, attach the coloured wheel to the cardboard disc (just a dab in the centre of the wheel is all that is required—it can then be easily changed);

4. Using a pin or the point of a compass, punch two holes, to match the two outer holes in the cardboard disc, in the coloured wheel;

5. Thread a piece of strong cotton or fine string (~1 metre) through the two outer holes (*not* the centre hole) in the colour wheel and tie the two ends of the string together;

6. With fingers through the looped ends of the string, on either side of the disc (colour wheel), wind (or have someone wind for you) the disc around several times.

7. Pull the string gently with both hands, drawing away from the colour wheel—the wheel should begin to turn. Now, here's the trick... Just as the thread becomes fully unwound, and with the colour wheel spinning, release the tension on the string just enough that the colour wheel can continue to turn and wind the string in the opposite direction.

Just as the colour wheel stops spinning, pull gently again on the string, as before—the wheel should then start spinning in the opposite direction (faster than before).

Again, just as the thread becomes fully unwound, release the tension on the string, and allow the colour wheel to keep spinning and winding up the thread again. By gently pulling and then releasing the tension on the string, as described above, you should be able to make the disk spin to and fro. Watch what happens to the colours on the colour wheel as it spins.

## NEED INSPIRATION?



Have a look at the New Activities box on the home page of Eurekit for newly published activities.



## TEAMWORK / CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

*Build a tower, as tall as possible (the finished structure must be entirely self-supporting) in the given time (30-45 minutes), out of drinking straws and sticky tape.*

Resources

- Plastic drinking straws
- Sticky tape
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Hand out a packet of straws (at least 150), a roll of sticky tape and a pair of scissors to each team;
2. Tell the teams that the aim of the exercise is to build the tallest, free-standing tower, using the materials provided, in the time given (30-45 minutes), and let them at it;
3. Depending on the experience of the Cubs, you may provide hints to assist.



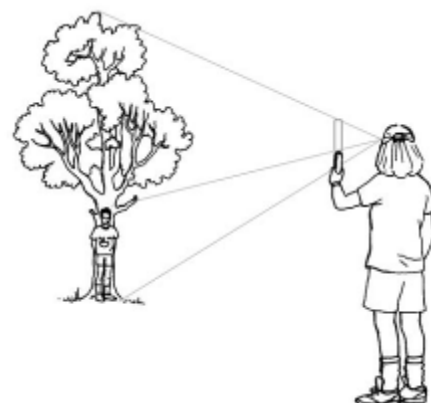
Hints include:

- Encourage teamwork—idle hands are wasted hands. The most efficient approach is to identify individual tasks and to have everyone doing something, all the time, although not necessarily the same thing all the time. If sticky tape is provided without a dispenser (a good idea), for example, someone can dedicate their time to cutting off pieces of sticky tape for others to use in constructing the tower (this task can be rotated if this is not perceived to be an interesting task);
- Build the tower in a modular fashion, so that individuals or pairs of individuals can work on modules which can ultimately be connected together. It is usually difficult for more than one or two people to productively work on the final assembly process at once. In this way, younger Cubs can work with older, more experienced Cubs, or they can simply copy the work of an older Cub at their own pace, with input from an older Cub as and when required;
- Use triangular elements as much as possible, as they are the most rigid. One very successful approach is simply to make as many 'straw triangles' as possible in the first 10-15 minutes, then for one or two team members to start assembling these individual components into a vertical structure. Choosing the most efficient way to integrate such components then becomes the real challenge;
- Take care to make individual triangular or modular components consistently, otherwise they will not fit together well, and the tower will become unstable as it grows. If care is taken, it is possible to build a stable tower of 3-4 metres on a simple triangular base. The more careless the construction, the bigger the base will need to be to support a given structure.

## ESTIMATING HEIGHT

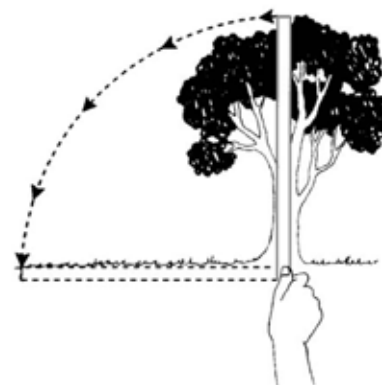
### Artist's Method

At the base of the object to be measured, place an article (such as a staff or person) of known height. Stand well away from the object, then, holding a pencil or twig at arm's length, arrange for the tip of the pencil to be in line with the top of the staff or person and the thumb to mark the ground level. Next, estimate how many times this distance will go into the height of the object, and multiply by the height of the article.



### Lumberman's Method

Stand well away from the object and hold a pencil or twig at arm's length from your body. Arrange the twig so its tip is in line with the top of the tree (or object) being measured. Arrange the pencil of twig so its tip is in line with the top of the tree (or object) being measured, and move your thumb up or down until it's in line with the base. Now swing the twig through a right angle (90°), keeping your arm steady, so that your thumb remains level with the base of the tree (or object). Observe the point on the ground at right angles to the tree (or object) where the tip of the pencil or twig now appears to rest. The approximate height of the tree (or object), your estimate, can be measured by pacing the distance from the base of the tree (or object) to this point.



## DO YOU HAVE AN ACTIVITY TO SHARE?

Did you know that you can submit your activities through Eurekit to share with other Leaders?



Click the Change Status button on your activity to submit for publishing.

# Deputy Chief Commissioner Special Duties



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Great love has no-one, except the one who gives up their own life for their friends. After having attended several Anzac Day commemorations, I have had cause to reflect on those who gave their lives in order that we might enjoy a life of relative freedom and peace.

There was once a bridge which spanned a large river. During most of the day the bridge sat with its length running up and down the river paralleled with the banks, allowing ships to pass through freely on both sides of the bridge.

At certain times each day, a train would come along and the bridge would be turned sideways across the river, allowing a train to cross it. A switchman sat in a small shack on one side of the river where he operated the controls to turn the bridge and lock it into place as the train crossed.

One evening, as the switchman was waiting for the last train of the day to come, he looked off into the distance through the dimming twilight and caught sight of the train lights. He stepped to the control and waited until the train was within a prescribed distance when he was to turn the bridge. He turned the bridge into position but, to his horror, he found the locking control did not work.

If the bridge was not securely in position it would wobble back and forth at the ends when the train came onto it, causing the train to jump the track and go crashing into the river. This would be a passenger train with many people aboard.

He left the bridge, turned across the river and hurried across the bridge to the other side of the river where there was a lever switch he could hold to operate the lock manually.

He would have to hold the lever back firmly as the train crossed. He

could hear the rumble of the train now, and he took hold of the lever and leaned backward to apply his weight to it, locking the bridge. He kept applying the pressure to keep the mechanism locked. Many lives depended on this man's strength. Then, coming across the bridge from the direction of his control shack, he heard a sound that made his blood run cold. "Daddy, where are you?" His four-year-old son was crossing the bridge to look for him.

His first impulse was to cry out to the child, "Run! Run!" But the train was too close; the tiny legs would never make it across the bridge in time. The man almost left his lever to run and snatch up his son and carry him to safety. But he realized that he could not get back to the lever.

Either the people on the train or his little son must die. He took a moment to make his decision.

The train sped safely and swiftly on its way, and no one aboard was even aware of the tiny broken body thrown mercilessly into the river by the on rushing train. Nor were they aware of the pitiful figure of the sobbing man, still clinging tightly to the locking lever long after the train had passed.

They did not see him walking home more slowly than he had ever walked: to tell his wife how their son had brutally died.

If we comprehend the emotions this man felt, we can only begin to understand the feelings of those whose families have been affected by warfare. Those who gave up their lives in service of their country, those whose sacrifice has given you and me the freedom to live the lives we live.

Lest we forget

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## ROVER RED AND WHITE POLO SHIRTS

The famous RED and WHITE Rover polo shirts are back in stock after losses during the January floods.

Orders for shirts can be sent to [merchandise@qldrovers.org.au](mailto:merchandise@qldrovers.org.au)



## HAVE YOU OR YOUR CREW 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 [communications@qldrovers.org.au](mailto:communications@qldrovers.org.au)

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To be held at a new venue, Doomben Racecourse, Entry via Gate 5, Hampden Street, Ascot, Brisbane. 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend May 2013 - Saturday 4th May 9am-5pm, Sunday 5th May 9am-4pm  
Adults \$13; Concession \$10; Children (5-15) \$6  
FREE PARKING – WHEELCHAIR ACCESS, HOT & COLD FOOD & DRINKS, More information on our website:- [www.brisbanemodeltrainshow.com.au](http://www.brisbanemodeltrainshow.com.au)



# Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth Program



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## **ADVANCE WARNING-** **THE NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM COMPETITION**

I know we all spend lots of time planning, delivering and evaluating exciting weekly programs that will meet the needs of young people in our section. Now is the opportunity to share one of your best. Later this year, our national organisation, Scouts Australia, is holding a competition to enable all leaders to share their best weekly programs. Imagine- having access to some of the best and most creative Scout programs written by us- the leaders of Australia.

I know we all have lots of fantastic weekly programs and it will be probably difficult to select one- so submit two. Maybe you and your team can create a new one especially for the competition based on the best of your best. Maybe we don't know what makes it so fantastic, but we know the youth members enjoy it.

Now for our Scouting check of that program:

- Does it have that WOW factor, a part that makes it so ACE
- Is it using the Scout Method (uses a small group, adventurous, fun, safe, links to the award Scheme etc.)
- Does it provide for the development of young people in one or more of the Areas of Personal Growth- social, spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, building character

Then this is the competition for you!

From August this year, National will be running an Australia wide competition to find all of the best weekly programs. There will be great prizes for your whole Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew to enjoy, and prizes will be awarded on a sectional basis (best Joey Scout program, best Scout program etc).

The focus will be on weekly programs that include developing one or more of the Areas of Personal Growth. Ideally in accord with the principles of scout programming, they should have been developed in collaboration with or entirely by youth members or young adults (e.g. individuals, Troop and Unit Councils, Crew Executives).

The programs will also be uploaded to Scout Central (central.scouts.com.au) for everyone to share, and to try out in your own section. For 2013 the competition will be about weekly programs (a program that covers what you do on one meeting with your section); and in 2014 it will move in to being about the whole term program.

So BE PREPARED. Start planning to enter the competition. You can share a forthcoming weekly program with members throughout Australia. Check you have all the gear and instructions documented. You may like to use the template for your section as appears in your section handbook. Make sure you get images to show how WOW that program is.

**The Hawk says,**  
**"Don't miss out on the coolest event on the Scouting calendar ever!"**



**10 & 11 August 2013**  
**Cost: \$22.00 per participant**

**Show Grounds Pittsworth**

**Applications and further information is available from:**  
Nighthawk Committee, PO Box 6116  
Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba 4350  
[www.darlingdowns.scoutsqld.com.au](http://www.darlingdowns.scoutsqld.com.au)

**Don't be late.  
Get your entries in now!**

# Branch Commissioner International



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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.** International Scouting involves relationships with other National Scouting Organisations (NSO's) around the world. The relationships involve international events and projects, the Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP), Jamboree of the Air/ Jamboree of the Internet (JOTA/JOTI), and the International pen Pal Program. International Scouting is also about developing Scout's awareness of their place within the worldwide movement.



*"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**



## 30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

The 30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree (30APRSJ), which also held as the 16th Nippon Jamboree (16NJ), will be held in 2013 in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan. The 30th APRSJ/16NJ will be a great opportunity for the Scouts from the world to learn about Japan and moreover feel the unity of the scout movement by

sharing the experience with Scouts from many different countries.

**Date:** 1 August to Wednesday, 7 August 2013

**Venue:** Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan

**Fee:** Overseas APR NSOs

Participants & ISTs on Category A & B: JPY 25,000 (approx. USD325.00)

Participants & ISTs: Category C & D JPY 45,000 (approx. USD585.00)

Other NSOs: JPY50,000 (approx. USD650)

Please note that the Jamboree fee should be paid in Japanese yen. Any difference on the amount paid against the registration fee will be settled upon the arrival of the contingent at the Jamboree site.

**Theme:** Wa - a spirit of unity.

[http://www.scout.or.jp/e/event/30APRSJ\\_16NJ/index.html](http://www.scout.or.jp/e/event/30APRSJ_16NJ/index.html)

WOSM and the Asia-Pacific Region are pleased to announce the 9th Asia Pacific Regional Air-Internet Jamboree to be hosted by Bharat Scouts & Guides, India from **3 - 4 August 2013**.



The Air-Internet Jamboree is a regional event established in 2004 in which Scouts contact each other *by means of amateur radio and through the Internet*

For more information visit the official event website. If you wish to be involved please contact the National Coordinator who is the Scouts Australia contact for this event.

## JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list

Subscribe to JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list and we'll keep you up to date by email with the latest news and announcements about JOTA-JOTI, internet, radio, National and International Scouting, plus lots of other exciting opportunities throughout the year to contact Scouts all over Australia and the world.

To subscribe send a blank email to [jota-joti-australia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:jota-joti-australia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

## Australia Radio and Internet Scouting Forum

This is the forum to exchange news, views and to share related information with like minded people from Australia and other nations. Major topics include the World Scout Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet (JOTA-JOTI), a monthly World Scout Net on echolink, ScoutLink all year round, plus your own activities. Youth and adult members and supporters are welcome to subscribe.

To subscribe send a blank email to [Australia-radio-internet-scouting-forum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Australia-radio-internet-scouting-forum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



## MANFELD PARK - FEILDING - NEW ZEALAND

**The 20th New Zealand Scout Jamboree will be held from 28th December 2013 to 6th January 2014**

Jamboree is open to all New Zealand Scouts years 6-10 (New Zealand School years)

in 2013, or for International Scouts, please refer to your own Scout Association for age requirements up to age 15 as at Day 1 of Jamboree.

**The theme for this Jamboree is to provide 'the experience of their Scout time' with the main emphasis** being on the eMPoWeRment (MPWR) of the Patrol system and support for our awesome Patrol Leaders.

## **Jamboree Website Site:**

<http://scouts.net.nz/Jamboree/>

## **Senior Youth Facebook Site:**

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/NZScoutJamboree.Youth/>

This site is for youth 13plus. It will have some additional youth specific info that is not on the Public pages. It will also give senior youth the chance to make contacts ahead of Jamboree. This site is part of the MPWR approach of this Jamboree which has as a core aim the empowerment of PL's and APL's.

Patrol Leader information will also be posted to the Adult Leader Group site so younger Patrol Leaders can have access, via their Scout Leaders, to information specifically targeted to the Jamboree Patrol leaders.

## **Adult Leaders Facebook Site:**

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/NZScoutJamboree.Adults/>

This site will have significant additional leader info including: High res Promotional Video



Powerpoint presentations for Parent/Youth "Jamboree Information" gatherings Video/Presentations on what to expect as a leader in a Jamboree troop.

### Leader & YST general info

For staff roles at Jamboree supporting the Jamboree Troops  
Ability to post questions and get answers on what ever you want to know about Jamboree

*Note:* Only warranted leaders will be given access to this site.

Please include your warrant number and correct name in the comments when requesting access. This will be validated before the request is approved.

### YST Facebook Site:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/NZScoutJamboree.YST/>

The Youth Service Team (YST) is a group of about 150 young people from Yr 12 (in 2013) to 26 years old. These people come from venturer units all over the country and some may be from overseas.

For further information and if you have any questions you can send an email to [contingentleader.20nzj2014@scouts.com.au](mailto:contingentleader.20nzj2014@scouts.com.au)



Applications opening soon.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree 2015 Japan

The Jamboree will be located on Kirarahama or Kirara Beach in Yamaguchi Prefecture. The Japanese word "kirara" means mica: Kirara Beach offers a beautiful landscape in front of which the Seto Inland Sea glitters in the sunlight just like mica.

### APPLICATIONS

Online Registrations are now open on the APPLY NOW page of the website. Follow the link and be sure to select 23rd World Scout Jamboree from the menu. <http://www.wsj2015.scouts.com.au>

**All youth members** that will be aged between 14 and 18 are eligible to attend (i.e. born between 9 August 1997 and 27 July 2001 inclusive)

**Adult members** are eligible for selection as a Line Leader or as a member of the International Service Team (IST).

If you are eligible to attend and would like to be kept informed of the latest information as it becomes available, please send an email to [wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au](mailto:wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au) with your Name, Scout Group and *Contact Details*.

**National Organization of Russian Scouts and Perm scout center are happy to invite you to The 7-th Russian National Scout Jamboree "Ural dimension"**



Jamboree "Ural dimension" will be held 14-23.07.2013 in Perm. Jamboree – is a celebration, an adventure, a challenge, a game. Jamboree field is situated on the picturesque bank of the Kama river. For 10 days it'll become a home for more than 2000 scouts from Russia and from abroad.

**Look for more information about Jamboree "Ural dimension":**

<http://jamboree.ru>, <http://permscout.ru>, <http://nors-r.ru>

Jamboree e-mail: [jamboree\\_perm@mail.ru](mailto:jamboree_perm@mail.ru)

International secretary: [vsegdakotov@gmail.com](mailto:vsegdakotov@gmail.com) (Julia Novitskaya)  
Jamboree chief: Solominina Svetlana (the chairwomen of the Board of Perm Scout Center)

You can send your application via e-mail till 01.03.2013.

**Test yourself! Measure your abilities on the Jamboree "Ural dimension".**



### Canadian Scout Jamboree

Are you looking for fun, adventure and challenge? Look no further than the Canadian Scout Jamboree 2013 (CJ'13) being held in Sylvan Lake, Alberta from July 6 to 13, 2013. CJ'13 will bring youth, leaders



and volunteers from across the country and from around the world together for the ultimate Scouting experience. Scouts will share friendship and adventure while experiencing personal development that only a jamboree experience can bring. Visit this site often and subscribe to our RSS feed and blog for additional information and updates as we countdown to the big event.

**Welcome to Scouts Canada's Canadian Scout Jamboree!**

Online registration is now open!

<http://www.scouts.ca/cj13/index.html>



At Moot Canada 2013, participants will be the makers of their own programming. Months ahead of their arrival in Canada, each participant will create his own Moot experience by making a series of choices individually or with their international patrol. By offering each participant the opportunity to build their own programming, Moot Canada 2013 wishes to establish new grounds for future international scouting events.

Canada, Country of Blue Gold

The 2-3-1-3-2 formula

The Participant's Experience: Choose your Path

**Find your Path**

**The Urban Challenge: an inspiring service opportunity**

**The Awacamenj Mino base camp**

**Patrol Life: an International Experience**

Contact Contingent leader **Pete Favelle** [sp38trains@hotmail.com](mailto:sp38trains@hotmail.com) for more information.



**What:** National Scout Jamboree for Norwegian Guide and Scout Associations and guests  
**Where:** Stavanger

**When:** 6th to 13th of July 2013

**Price:** 265 € - The price includes all food, activities and excursions during the camp (like the trip to the Pulpit Rock). *Expenses related to travel, visa, travel insurances and accommodation in Norway apart from at the Jamboree are not included in the camp fee.*

**For whom:** Norwegian and International Scouts, girls and boys, turning 11 by the end of 2013

**How to register:** International guests can now register here [int.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.comm@scouts.com.au)

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We will make sure that you and/or your local group will be contacted and given more information about the National Scout Jamboree in Norway next year.

The planning has already started. From the 6th to the 13th of July in 2013, there will be a memorable National Scout Jamboree in Stavanger with the aim to host 15 000 scouts from Norway and abroad. We're thinking BIG, and look forward to present a week packed with experiences, spectacular nature, good food and a lot of new friends.

### **Scout International Student Exchange Program**

In this month's edition, you will find part 3 of Mitchell Eickenloff's report of his experience in England.

Applications for 2014/15 have now opened and interested Venturers have until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 to lodge their Expression of Interest Forms with me. The sooner this is done, the sooner you can fundraise and the easier it is to put money aside for this great experience. Interested Venturers who want to participate in the Scout International Exchange Program for 2014/15, must be a Venturer and do not turn 18 until after January 2015. All the Venturers who have participated agree that it is the best time and experience and well worth the effort – **Applications for 2014/15 close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

The 5 Families who will be Hosting Danish Scouts this year have all been in contact with their visiting Danish Scout and establishing their relationships and experience together. Our visitors will be arriving towards the end of June and leave early in August.

For more information on the Program both as a potential Exchangee or Host Family, please email [sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au) you will be sent more information and Expression of Interest Forms.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Scott Edwards

Youth Program Support Branch Advisor (International) – SISEP Coordinator - Qld

(Scout International Student Exchange Program)

[sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

### **Host Families and Host Corp Team**

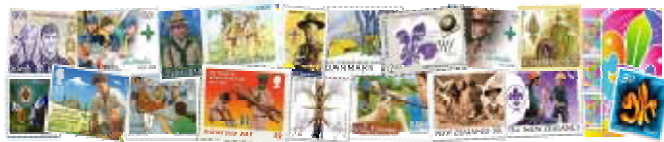
We are always on the lookout for host families and people to be a part of the Host Corp Team.

This may be anywhere from hosting a visiting International Scout or Leader for a few hours, to show them local Australian Scouting, to 1-2 days whilst they are here on holidays, and up to several weeks if they are on exchange. Most of our requests are for 3-4 hours to meet local scouts or at least meet them at the airport.

Being a host is a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

For more information about being a host contact

**Sandra Hemming, Branch Advisor-International, Queensland Coordinator , Host Families and Host Corp Team**  
[ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au)



### **Pen Pals Required**

We have around **38 Mobs** currently wanting links with Australian Scouts. For more details or to register now for the pen pal program contact **International Pen-Pal Program –Susan Rogers Queensland Coordinator** at [penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

### **See the exciting events we have in the Asia-Pacific Region. 2013**

#### **BSA 2013 National Scout Jamboree**

Venue: - Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve, West Virginia, U.S.A.

Date: 15th July - 24th July, 2013

For patrols of Scouts ( 8 Scouts and 2 Leaders) - 14 to 20 years of age

#### **Auchengillan International Jamboree ( Scotland)**

Venue: Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, Stirlingshire, Scotland

Date: 27th July - 3rd August 2013

(for Scouts and Guides)

#### **30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree / 16th Nippon National Jamboree**

Venue: Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan

Date: 31st July - 8th August, 2013

#### **14th World Scout Moot**

Venue: Ontario and Quebec Provinces, Canada

Date: 8th - 18th August 2013

#### **2014**

#### **World Scout Conference**

14<sup>th</sup> July-18<sup>th</sup> July, Slovenia

#### **2015**

ANZAC Centenary Celebrations, Turkey

#### **2016**

New Zealand venture

### **In Closing**

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 Queensland**  
[sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

**Host families and Host Corp Team-**

**Sandra Hemming ,Queensland Coordinator**

[ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

**JOTA & JOTI – Albert Shelley- Queensland Coordinator**  
[jota@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:jota@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

**International Pen-Pal Program –Susan Rogers Queensland Coordinator**  
[penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

**Hands Across The Water Program (Joey Scouts)**  
[penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:bc.international@qldhq.scouts.com.au) or visit the Queensland website at [www.scoutsqld.com.au](http://www.scoutsqld.com.au) and click on "Events" and then "International".

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



# Branch Commissioner Air Activities



Laurie Radcliffe

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## POSITIONS VACANT

Joey Scout Section Leader

Joey Scout Section Assistant Leader

Cub Scout Section Leader

Cub Scout Section Assistant Leaders

Scout Section Assistant Leader

Venturer Scout Section Leader

Email [bc.airactivities@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:bc.airactivities@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

## Remaining Available Course Dates

Please note all Cub Scout Courses for the year have reached full capacity.

Joey Scout Course— Maximum 25	
Saturday, 27 July 2013	25 spaces available
Saturday, 17 August 2013	20 spaces available
Saturday, 7 September 2013	25 spaces available
Saturday, 19 October 2013	25 spaces available
Saturday, 9 November 2013	25 spaces available
Saturday, 30 November 2013	25 spaces available

Scout Day Course - Maximum 40	
Saturday, 1 June 2013	40 spaces available
Saturday, 10 August 2013	30 spaces available
Saturday, 31 August 2013	40 spaces available
Saturday, 12 October 2013	40 spaces available
Saturday, 2 November 2013	40 spaces available
Saturday, 23 November 2013	40 spaces available

## AIR ACTIVITIES VISIT CAIRNS

Cairns International Airport was the venue for the Far North Regions first Air Activities Day for several years. Youth Members were able to experience the thrill of a flight in one of the North Queensland Aero Club's Cessna C172 aircraft. Pilots Alex and Grant were kept busy throughout the day with 32 Scouts and 7 Cubs taking to the air. Visits from the Australian Federal Police (including a guest appearance by 'Jasper' the explosives detection dog) and the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Service fire truck kept the Scouts busy when they were not flying. Other activities included a visit to the Emergency Management Queensland Helicopter Base and an inspection of some Infra-Red Detection Equipment used in the Customs Service aircraft. Special thanks to all involved with making this a successful day for the Scouts. Good luck to all the Scouts in the completion of their Target Badges. By Bill Kentish (KESTREL)



On the 27<sup>th</sup> April Far North Queensland Carried out an Air Activities day at Cairns airport, which will now be an annual event. The Branch Team are now planning an Air Activities weekend Early

October at Roma for surrounding Groups, please email [bc.airactivities@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:bc.airactivities@qldhq.scouts.com.au) with any interest, further details in coming issues



# Branch Commissioner Environmental Education



**"The man who is blind to the beauties of Nature has missed half the pleasure of life."**

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

## **World Environment Day - June 5<sup>th</sup>**

This year .....Help Save the Bilby

The Queensland bilby population is the most threatened and genetically distinct population in Australia. It has declined in range during the past 10 years and is continuing to do so. A campaign raised the funds needed to build a 25sq km Bilby Fence at Currawinya National Park, near Cunnamulla in Queensland. The fence was built with donations from many thousands of supporters whose continuing contributions assist the recovery program to maintain the fence and expand the operations to Help Save the Bilby. The fence was recently breached by flood waters and feral cats devoured many baby bilbies. The project needs funds to fully repair the fence.

### How can you help?

- \* Plan an activity night based on the bilby.
- \* Have a fund-raising event and donate to the bilby fund
- \* Purchase Bilby Badges and sell as a fundraising event

Find activities and more at <http://www.savethebilbyfund.com/>

### **ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY DAYS AVAILABLE**

#### May

11 - Eprapah - now available for booking

Venturer Scouts 25-26 Eprapah – book now!

#### June

8 - Eprapah - now available for booking

CS 15 Eprapah - available for booking

JS 22 Eprapah - available for booking

#### July

13 - Eprapah – now available for booking

20 - Eprapah - now available for booking

\* \* dates in August also now available for bookings

Eprapah Bunkhouse is now available (with power connected!) Book a mob/pack weekend – combine it with an environment program - at [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au) Eprapah Bunkhouse is now available (with power connected!) Book a mob/pack weekend – combine it with an environment program - at [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au)

Submitted by Environment Education Team member Jean Howell

## **ASHMORE SCOUT GROUP TURNS 30**

30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013

10 am – 2 pm

ASHMORE SCOUT DEN

1 Community Drive, Ashmore

Past Members Welcome

## **NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

The Scouts Australia National Youth Council (NYC), at the request of Peter Blatch, the National Advisor for Special Needs, is currently considering the discussion topic Scouts with special needs. The focus questions are: should youth with special needs be actively or passively recruited to the movement; what assistance should be offered within the movement; and what, if any, badge work modifications/exemptions are appropriate? Any input from leaders or parents is welcome.

Please send all input to [ryan.kidd@nyc.scouts.com.au](mailto:ryan.kidd@nyc.scouts.com.au).

Ryan Kidd  
(NYC Olympia Patrol Leader and QLD Branch Appointment)



# Branch Commissioner Youth Activities



Kerry Tully

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## Youth Activities Team Camp "Communication" Theme

With communication being so important to people all across the globe in today's world, what better way to reinforce the scouting way then by attending this years' first camp held by the Qld Branch Youth Activities Team at BP Park from Saturday 25 May to Sunday 26 May. This camp has been specifically designed to cater for youth members from the Joey Scout section right through to the Venturer Scout section. Be the first to try out some of our newly acquired equipment, and test your teamwork and communication skills at the same time.

This camp will feature elements of badgework embedded in a fun manner for both the Cub Scout and Scout sections. There will also be a range of other challenging and fun activities, inclusive of: abseiling, water activities, and a return of the disability awareness base that has been raved about for years.

*We can't wait to see you there!*

## Scouts / Venturer Scouts / Rovers

Start your training NOW for the upcoming Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rovers bike hike that runs from Beaudesert to Christmas Creek on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2013. *Please consider that youth member fitness and stamina will be tested in this activity as they will be riding approximately 40 kilometres over the course of the day.* There will be activities run by members of our team approximately every ten kilometres, and one of our Leaders will be riding with the youth members over the entire journey.



This is a great opportunity to get out and about and have some fun!



## SCOUT CAMPSITES AND PACK HOLIDAY SHELTERS

Have you booked your next camp or pack holiday? There are plenty of Scout facilities on offer; below is just a sample. Your patronage of the facilities assists Scouting. Please check out the Branch website or the individual camp websites for more information.

Some of these are Scout Campsites around Queensland, there are plenty of others too:

Name	Address	Contact number
Aldershot Activity Centre and Campsite	23817 Bruce Highway, Aldershot via Maryborough	(07) 4122 3352
Allawah Campsite	Allawah Road, CHUWAR	(07) 3202 1431
Baden Powell Park	68 Cash Avenue, Samford	(07) 3289 2599
Barrabadeen- Atherton Tablelands	Danbulla Road, Tinaroo (Atherton Tablelands)	(07) 4091 4387
Brownsea Water Activities Centre	89 Allpass Parade, Shorncliffe	(07) 3721 5737
Dunethin Rock Water Activity Centre	Lake Dunethin Rd, Maroochy River	(07) 5446 6246
Eprapah Campsite	424 Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Victoria Point	(07) 3721 5737
Karingal Campsite	Karingal Road, MT COTTON	(07) 3721 5737
Murrenbong Campsite	135 Scout Road, KURWONGBAH	(07) 3285 5408
Rocky Creek Campsite	3246 Old Gympie Road, LANDSBOROUGH	(07) 5494 1195
Rowallan Park	282 Glendaragh Road, MACKAY	0408 195 834
Seeone Park	Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road, ROCKHAMPTON	0407 766 130
Tyamolum Campsite	Flaggy Creek Rd, Mount Crosby	0487 173 743
Wirraglen Campsite	Wirraglen Road, off Crows Nest Road, KLEINTON	(07) 46333374
Wyper Park Campsite	1460 Isis Highway, SOUTH BINGERA, BUNDABERG	(07) 4151 4264

## SCOUTS AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS THE ROYAL COMMISSION

Scouts Australia welcomes the Prime Minister's announcement of the Royal Commission's terms of reference and the appointment of six highly regarded Australians as Commissioners.

The six Commissioners provide the necessary diversity of experience to deliver a meaningful and thorough approach to achieving the Royal Commission Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse's objective - to effect national changes to the systems which protect children.

Scouts Australia has zero-tolerance for abuse of any kind, and we will work closely with the Commission to share all records and information in order to achieve this crucial objective.

Scouts Australia has established the Royal Commission Advisory Committee, led by Chief Commissioner Reg Williams, that includes representatives from Scouts' youth, state and territory leadership. The Advisory Committee will coordinate Scouts Australia's participation in the Royal Commission across the entire organisation, and will provide all necessary support to the community.

The Advisory Committee is supported by a volunteer legal advisory panel which includes, former NSW Supreme Court Judge and NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal President, The Hon. Greg James AM QC, Mr John De Wijn QC, and Mr Craig Ray. Mr James will lead Scouts Australia's preparation and representation to the Royal Commission.

Scouts has had a policy and practice to report allegations of child abuse to Police, and has made records and files freely available to the Police and other child protection authorities.

Scouts conducts compulsory Child Protection Police Checks in every State and Territory, has compulsory leader training for all adult supervisors on the child protection policies and procedures and reinforces procedures for how Scouts responds to child protection allegations.

Scouts hopes that the Commission's scrutiny of current community organisations' policies and practices will lead to more rigorous and stringent processes for groups to report suspected child abusers across the entire community.

A serious and deep attention to reporting in every organisation should help to create greater confidence to report sexual abuse matters.

Scouts believes that during the past 20 years it has become easier to encourage reports and to take action against suspected child offenders. However, there is still a long way to go, especially to gain the confidence of victims that they will remain safe and be taken seriously by the Australian community and authorities.

Scouts has developed robust and vigilant child protection policies in all States and Territories working with the full range of Child Protection Agencies. There are mandatory Police checks for all adult volunteer Leaders and compulsory training to maximise child safety. Scouts is a family based organisation and we strongly encourage as many parents as possible to be actively involved in all our programs.

We urge all parents to familiarise themselves with the child protection policies in their community organisations and to talk to

children sensitively about these issues. Ideas to improve safety for children are always welcome and Scouts looks forward to assisting the Commission.

**Be Prepared...**  
for new adventure!

Scouts is grateful to the many thousands of Leaders, parents, volunteers and supporters of Australian Scouting who work tirelessly to mentor and to enrich the lives of so many children in the community through our personal development and educational programs and activities, whilst also ensuring their safety and protection.

For counselling support please contact Lifeline 131114 – 24 hour helpline service.

Scouts Australia welcomes any member of the community providing information regarding any child protection matter – please call Scouts National Office on 02 9413 1133.

Further updates and information on the Royal Commission can be found on the National Scout website [www.scouts.com.au/royalcommission](http://www.scouts.com.au/royalcommission) and at the Australian Government Royal Commission site at [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au).



**2013 Brisbane Gang Show**  
28 June - 6 July 2013

Live variety musical theatre

**SCHONELL THEATRE, ST LUCIA**  
BOOKINGS  
[WWW.BRISBANEgangshow.com.au](http://WWW.BRISBANEgangshow.com.au) or 07 3077 6854

The Brisbane Gang Show is produced by Scouts Queensland and is proudly in its 62nd consecutive season. There is a special matinee for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts on Saturday's 29 June and 6 July. Special Matinee prices are available for these youth members. There is also a School Holiday matinee show on the Thursday 4 July. For all dates, times, pricing and other information for the 2013 season visit [www.brisbanegangshow.com.au](http://www.brisbanegangshow.com.au), or call 1800 SCOUTS.

**ADULTS \$ 23**  
**CONC. \$ 20**  
**CHILD \$ 15**

1800 13

SCOUTS Queensland





**SISEP Adventure by Mitchell Eickenloff – Goodna Venturer**  
**Week 5 - 8 of SISEP**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Week 5 of SISEP**

**The Week of Christmas**

On Christmas day we woke up at 9.00am. It was fun experiencing the different style of Christmas in the morning. Santa gave me a lot of scouting things and some fun things like chocolate and thermals. I need the thermals.

At dinnertime we only had the family and Elliott, which is Bethany's boyfriend over for a roast dinner. I can't really remember having a roast dinner at Christmas time in Australia. It was so nice and there were a lot of different styles of cooking. After dinner and dessert we watched some Christmas movies and went to bed about 3.00am.

**Week 6 of SISEP**

**The Week of New Year**

After having a lovely Christmas with the family but not a white Christmas I helped out around the house. We helped set up the house for their New Year Eve Party. I had a lot of fun with everyone and we went to bed at 7.30am on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

**Week 7 of SISEP**

**The Final Week with the Host Family**

This week is my final week of being with the family and what an awesome week it was. For starters, I didn't go to college for the whole week, instead I went to work experience at AirMed. This is an Aircraft Company that helps medically ill people with their supplies and helps with emergency evacuations. I learnt so much in only 4 days and I also received a reference from them, which is great.

On Friday, it was my last day at college and I had so much fun. First I have to do my power point about Australia and the students loved it. They also thought that it was very interesting, they all want to go to Australia now. After saying my goodbyes to everyone from college we went to Winter Camp. It's like a Jamboree but with only 500 venturers and scouts, but it was a lot of fun. There was everything from flight simulators to a disco to white water rafting. I have so much fun for the whole two days and got so muddy too.

**Week 8 of SISEP**

**The Final Week in London**

After saying thanks to the family for everything and sadly leaving

them, I went to Baden Powell House to start a week of fun and travel with sixteen other venturers from around Australia.

So, after meeting everyone and having a group meeting about everything in London, we finally went to dinner at this little Italy restaurant. It was great to talk to everyone about our adventures in the United Kingdom and Denmark.

Day two, so it starts with Churchill Bunker, which are war rooms for a history lesson. Then we walked thru the park to Parliament House, where we got a VIP tour around the grounds. We went on the train to the Eye where we had lunch and then to Leicester Square, Oxford Street for some shopping and also Camden market. After, we had dinner at Noodle box, we went and looked around Oxford Street for onesies.

On the third day of London, it was very interesting because we then went to The Crystal, which is our future built on sustainable cities, showing people how the world would be in 50 to 100 years time. After taking a cable car to the London Olympics Stadium, we went and got some food from the Borough Markets.

After the markets we went to the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and the amazing Monument. After today's history lesson we went to an underground comedy place and laser force.

On the fourth day, it was just the best day because we went to Harry Potter World and spent hours there. We then went back to Oxford Street for lunch. At night we went on a Scary Jack the Ripper Tour around London which we learnt so much about the history of London Police.

On the fifth day in London, we started the day by going to Matt's Secrets Place, which is the Sixth Floor. It is an awesome place to just chill and to get a great view of the city. We then climbed the Tower of London, which was crazy. Then we had lunch and went to the real Shakespeare Globe which is awesome and then we paid a visit to Matt's University and went to an open Mic Comedy Night.

Sadly on the fifth and final day we spent the whole day packing, just packing and cleaning up the rooms. Throughout the week, I have had so much fun and Matt was the coolest guy to show us around London. So thanks Matt for the time of our life. One day I hope to see you again, hopefully in Australia.



## GONE HOME—PETER CHARLES SNOW

28-11-1924—12-03-2013

Born in Brisbane, Peter Charles was the only son of retired watch-maker, church organist and 'Chief' of the Scout Movement in Queensland. Charles Snow and Una Gibson—a member of a pioneering family in this state's sugar industry—who was a gifted pianist.

His adored younger sister Anne Stone has predeceased him Together, the siblings spent what Dad always described as an idyllic childhood at Redland Bay. The family home, 'Vailma' was built by Charles and had a lovely garden overlooking the Bay and its foreshore, which the Snow children came to regard as their own.

As a boy, Dad became a Cub and met Lord Baden Powell when BP visited the Eprapah Scout grounds at Wellington Point in 1931. Dad made his first visits to Toowoomba to stay with the visionary Dr Tom Price in South Street. Dr. Price's scouting name was 'Eagle' and dad was taken to see the 'Eagles Nest' camp site for penniless swagmen Dr Price had established below Webb Park in the 1930's.

Since becoming a Cub in the first Cleveland Scouting Group, Dad was keenly associated with the Scouting movement his whole life. A sea scout in his teenage years, he recalled sailing on Sydney Harbour when he attended the Australia Jamboree there in 1938.

He was later warranted as a Scouter and served as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster at Hendra, Enoggera and Ascot, while also completing his Woodbadge training. He took the name of 'Wirra' and received his beads and parchment from his father, the Chief Commissioner for training in April 1950.

After moving to Toowoomba, Dad held a number of Senior Leadership roles in Scouts. From 1953 until 1972 he was variously the District Commissioner for Scouts, Assistant Training Commissioner, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, and AAC (training) for Darling Downs, running a number of Woodbadge training camps in Queensland.

An undoubted highlight of Dad's life occurred when he led the Queensland contingent of 10 Scouts, including 5 local boys, to the World Jamboree in Idaho in 1967—his first overseas trip. It was a life changing event for him.

As with all subsequent trips taken by our parents, Dad relished each moment and remembered every detail of every place visited with photographic precision. On his travels, the scenery was paramount for Dad. Despite spending his working life in and about property. Dad was not one for urban landscapes when he was overseas. As far as he was concerned, cities were transit stops. The Alpine meadows or the lakes or the woods in the fall were the thing.

In 1966, Dad was instrumental in developing the Wirraglen Scout Campgrounds at Meringandan which are named in his honour. Sheena remembers him sketching the floor plan of the bunkhouse on a used envelope during a concert at the City Hall.

Dad was awarded Scouting's Medal of Merit and in February 1998 was one of the first recipients of the Silver Emu from the Governor General and Chief Scout 'for sustained and exceptional service to the Scouting movement' For 10 years up to 2000, he was the Chair of the Darling Downs Area (non uniform) and he was a staunch supporter of the Eprapah Fellowship and BP Guild.

Easter camping holidays with dad in the 1960's were amazing, As might be expected, the heavy canvas and timber gear was carefully packed in the trailer in readiness for a pre-dawn departure. (Dad ensured the Snows always arrived anywhere in time for breakfast—it was a sin to 'waste the day')

The camp as set up.. Once dad even cut bracken for us so we could sleep on browse beds... a latrine dug, the meat safe hauled high and perishables set to cool in the creek. It was the only time in our lives we ever saw our father cook anything and the food was all the more delicious for that. Dad was rejuvenated by the smell of wood smoke and loved to boil a billy whenever he had the opportunity.

To the end of his days, a hot strong cup of tea with at least 2 sugars was a surefire restorative. If out, Dad always had to be home by ten to put the kettle on . His only complaint about his hospital care was the temperature of the tea.

**Delivered at the celebration of Life Service by Sheena, Malcolm, David, Peter and Jonathon.**





# THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER MEMORANDUM

## GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE RULES

In March 2010, the former Chief Commissioner of Queensland sent a memorandum to all Group Leaders and Leaders-in-Charge advising of the updated process for Group Committee Rules. I would now like to remind Groups of this process. Please note that these rules have now been renamed to Group Support Committee Rules as per issue 8 sent in October 2012.

All Groups must adopt the Group Support Committee Rules at an Annual Report Presentation (previously called Annual General Meeting) which must be held by 31 May each year. Groups must also complete section 3.3.1 in relation to quorums for Special Meetings. These Rules are important to ensure all Groups are holding appropriate Annual Report Presentations and so that Group Support Committees and Group Support Executive Committees know how to conduct their roles and responsibilities appropriately.

Once these rules are adopted at the meeting they must be signed by the Group Secretary, Chairman and Group Leader. After signing the document it is to be forwarded to the District Commissioner (if applicable) and Region Commissioner for their recommendation. The Rules must then be sent to the Branch Headquarters for the Chief Commissioner's final approval. On receipt of the completed Rules, a copy will be sent to the Group along with an *Annual Approval Sheet* which must be kept with the Group's records.

At all subsequent Annual Report Presentations, Groups must continue to table the Group Support Committee Rules, but it is not necessary for a full set of rules to be re-signed and submitted to Branch each year. Instead the Group Secretary, Chairman and Group Leader must instead sign the *Annual Approval Sheet* to record that the rules have been adopted.

If a new issue of the Group Support Committee Rules are published, Groups must adopt them at the next Annual Report Presentation and resubmit them to Branch for approval. A copy will be returned to the Group for their records. A notation should be made against the *Annual Approval Sheet* to show when a new issue of the Rules have been adopted. Please note this is a new procedure. If you have previously resubmitted the Rules we apologise if they were returned to you. Groups must keep a copy of the original approved Rules along with the latest version of the Rules with their records so that they can be referred to when needed.

Should you have any ideas or suggestions for these Rules, please discuss them with your Region Commissioners so that further discussions can be held at future Region Commissioners Conferences.

## GENERAL MANAGER MEMORANDUM

### PROPERTY AND FACILITIES AUDIT

The Branch currently has records for each building used by Scouting in Queensland. However with changes in legislation and new additional questions from insurers we are requesting each Formation to complete a property and facilities audit for each of their buildings.

The information collected with this audit will not only assist with the future negotiations for the Branch's insurance policies but will help identify the areas of improvement needed. There may be opportunities for grant funding and the reduction of costs in areas where benefits can be gained from a coordinated approach.

The audit is designed to be completed once for each building that is on the site. Complete the audit online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8LC6PDN>. If you are unable to complete online a copy of the audit in PDF format can be obtained from the Queensland Branch website or request a copy from the Queensland Scout Centre.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. It is requested that the survey be completed by 31 May 2013.

Yours Sincerely,

**Ian Lightbody**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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