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FACT SHEET

New fact sheets are being developed to assist all Leaders. These are available on the website through an icon named FACT SHEETS. These fact sheets are now available. Use the content wisely.

Kirsty M Brown OAM, Chief Commissioner

REPORT CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS AND ABUSE!

It is a requirement of Scouts Queensland that if a volunteer, youth or young adult member, staff member or helper suspects a child has experienced harm, or is at risk of experiencing harm, that person must contact the appropriate agencies to provide support and advice. This is not limited to Scouting related activities.

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should also be reported directly to the Executive Manager on **07 3870 7000**.

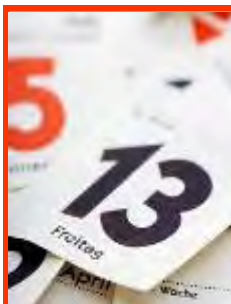
The Association will then make direct contact with the relevant authority about the matter.

For **Child Protection Policy and Procedures** including notification procedures visit the website scoutsqld.com.au.

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Clean Up Australia

2nd Toowoomba Scouts and Yellaloo Guides were among the many Scout and Guides groups doing their bit for Clean Up Australia Day.

Joey Scout Leader and Clean Up Australia Day organiser John Pugh (Taz) said the Groups had done their bit to make the city beautiful for the past seven years. "It's a tradition in our Scout Group," Mr Pugh said. "The Scouts are actually located in the city so we clean up along Ruthven St in the garden beds and laneways and things. We started about 8.30am in Russell St."

The Group then worked its way along Ruthven St through the Village Green and into Dent St before breaking for an ice cream at the Margaret St McDonald's. "We've picked up a lot of bottles and cans," Taz said. "It's amazing how much you actually do pick up, we've picked up a a lot of rubbish." He said the amount of rubbish beside bins in garden beds was most disappointing. "Toowoomba is the garden city and we want it to be beautiful," he said.

"People should think about what they are doing with their rubbish. It's really disappointing when we find rubbish in a garden bed when the bin is right next to it," he said. The event concluded with a BBQ Lunch.





Ingham Scout Group

"Celebrating a Century of Scouting in Ingham in 2015"

Please save the date
**Saturday and Sunday
9th and 10th May 2015**
and join us for our Celebrations.

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Congratulations to Nic Giacomantonio of 2nd Toowoomba Scout Group for achieving his Australian Scout Medallion.

Photo shows Region Commissioner Michael Brown, Nic and Assistant Region Commissioner - Scouts Section Peter Twyford.



Kennedy Region celebrated Founders Day with a swimming carnival held at the Willows Aquatic centre at Kirwan.

A Parade was held before the carnival and all members sang Happy Birthday to our founder Lord Baden Powell. A large cake with pictures of BP in the centre and there was a short story about BP's life followed by a short quiz. A great day was enjoyed by all!

Sandra Carter.

ARC. Resources. Kennedy Region



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FOUNDERS DAY AND AQUATASTICS CARNIVAL

Sunday 22nd February Youth Members and Leaders from Bowen to Sarina and Groups in Mackay travelled to Calen District State College to attend the Founders Day Scouts Own service, which was followed by the Annual Aquatastic Carnival.

We may have escaped the destruction of Tropical Cyclone Marcia but Sunday was a stifling hot day, so the Youth Members and Leaders were quick to head for the pool after the Founders Day Service. Much to the disappointment of all the Scouting members the Aquatastics Carnival had to be terminated an hour into the events when a storm brewed and severe lightning was experienced.

Leaders joined in with the Youth Members and played some games in the under play area while a decision was made in regard to the continuance of the Carnival.

Mary Wallace

Region Leader Community Relations
Central and Coastal Region



KOKODA CHALLENGE ASSOCIATION and Gold Coast Region Scouts

2015 JUNIOR GAMES

Saturday 18th July 2015

9am - 3pm

Nerang Velodrome

The Junior Games is a fun community day which gives youths aged 6-12 years an introduction to the Kokoda Spirit, with the focus not being on winning but doing everything as a team and not giving up at the first hurdle.



Participants learn interesting facts about the history of Kokoda in an outdoor environment. All youth participating are given a uniform (t-shirt) and activity card with questions, the answers are found on storyboards at each activity base.

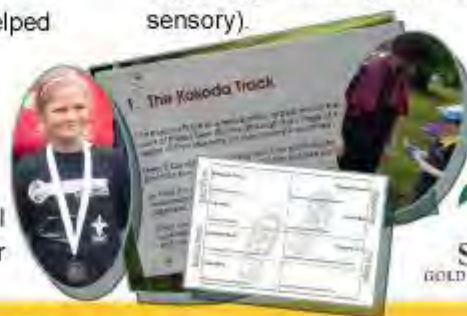
The activities at each base reflect on

- the brave Australian soldiers who fought to save the country
- the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels who helped the wounded soldiers.
- The Kokoda Spirit of Sacrifice, Endurance, Mateship and Courage.

At the end of the games, all participants receive a medal for their participation.

Activities include

- Packing a backpack and carrying it through a short course.
- Battle the enemy in a Tug o war.
- Assisting your mates through the obstacle course.
- Retrace the journey as your team hikes along the track through the forest.
- Be the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels assisting the injured through the rough terrain whether it be by stretcher or supporting them (three legged or sensory).



Further information email jnrkokodagames@gcscouts.com.au

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My Name is Elizabeth Elliott. I am a year 11 Student, at Saint Eugene College, Burpengary.

I have been awarded \$5000 under the RSL Youth Development Program, which is advertised each year in our College Library. I am elated to be one of the highest recipients of this grant.

I made a visit to the Caboolture Morayfield RSL Branch. Horace Hunt was delighted to support my application, under the community Leadership and Civic Participation category. We discussed my achievements in the community through Scouts and more recently being presented with the Australian Scout Medallion.

The Project that I was seeking funding for is a pilot program at our College. We are looking to build relations with Catholic schools run by the Oblates in Cilicap, in central Java, Indonesia, who cater mostly for Muslim students. We are striving to build a cultural and missionary experience, between our two schools. I am interested in the missionary work that started in 1972 by Father Charlie Burrows and the Australian Catholic Oblates. The aim of this missionary experience is to promote a deep respect and pride in each other's cultures and educational aspirations. I hope to see a number of large and small scale projects (e.g. the re-claiming of land for rice production) aimed at improving opportunities for people to move beyond the poverty cycle.

I will fly to Indonesia and homestay with families in a village, and participate in day to day living experiences, including attending School, teaching English, and learning about the culture and language. The Indonesian students will return to Australia to do the same. The RSL youth funding will assist me to travel to Indonesian and assist students to return with us from Indonesian, who cannot participate in this program without funding and support. We are actively fundraising to assist as many students as possible to return.

Horace, the President at the RSL, was very interesting to chat with. He served around the area I will be visiting, and was able to tell me about the harsh climatic conditions.

Including this opportunity for me as an individual, The RSL makes many long known contributions to our society, and to Australia as a whole. Said contributions include; Welfare for the diggers, and their families, Representation for those in battle overseas, and for those returned from war, Assistance, whether it be through money, or mental help. Commemoration and remembrance for those that fought and died in the struggles overseas. It is important for us, as youth, to visit and support our local RSL and talk to these 'old' diggers as they have many interesting stories to share, which ultimately molds our society into how we have grown today. We must thank them.



Elizabeth Elliott



I HAVE "GONE HOME".

If you would like us to add your loved one to the "Gone Home" column, please forward their details to the editor by emailing encompass@scoutsqld.com.au

Ronald Charles Baker

February

Allan Newland

March

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

WEEKEND WARDENS AT BP PARK

We are requesting expressions of interests from Members who would be willing to volunteer their time to be a Camp Warden at BP Park, Samford.

Camp Wardens are required to spend the weekend at the park to assist and monitor the campers. The Supervisor's Cottage is available for wardens to stay in during the weekend.

If you are interested in this job or would like more information please contact Debbie Maher at BP Park on (07) 3289 2599 or contact her via email on bparkadmin@scoutsqld.com.au.

Chief Commissioner of Queensland

 **Kirsty M Brown OAM**



Harmony Day

Harmony Day (March 21st) celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day.

Are you from another country and have grown up in Australia? Have you got a good story to tell about what you love about a diverse Australia?

This year on March 21st we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day in Australia – a day where we encourage the motto “everyone belongs”.

Our cultural diversity remains one of our greatest strengths. And it's at the heart of who we are.

Scouts Queensland want to hear from young people across the country about their experiences growing up in Australia with many different backgrounds and cultures. We want to share their stories with other Australians to show how far we have come over the last 15 years and to build on the strength of being one of the most cohesive nations on Earth.

If you want to be part of celebrating Australia's rich cultural diversity then we want to hear from you!

If you want to be part of celebrating Australia's rich cultural diversity then we want to hear from you! We invite you to post information and photos to Scouts Queensland Facebook page or email marketing@scoutsqld.com.au.

Groups, Leaders and teams who take part in this activity may wear the Harmony Badge (available from the Scout Supply Centre) from March 21 – June 21, 2015.

Scouting...an inclusive ethos

Scouting is best served by the involvement of people who have different backgrounds, opinions, experience, skills, interests, needs and capacity. Effective Scout Formations value difference in membership and the local community. By being inclusive, Scouting and its programs are more responsive, effective and support the advantages of the Scout Program being accessible to all Queenslanders.

Does your Formation include new ideas and different ways of thinking about and doing things? Is this encouraged and valued?



Do you invite a diversity of community members to introduce and discuss new ideas and different ways of thinking and doing things?

Do you use recruitment strategies that encourage the appointment of Leaders and committee personnel who are able to respect the old but are open to innovation, new ideas and different ways of thinking and doing things?

Do you explore the opportunities that new technologies and social media present for changing and enhancing the way your formation works and delivers its programs and activities?

Do you use a variety of formal and informal mechanisms to actively facilitate and value the inclusion of different cultures, members' interests, opinions and ideas in your decision making?

Do you promote acceptance and the celebration of diversity inclusive practices such as the use of culturally appropriate and non-discriminatory language, fostering cultural awareness and pride and respecting different spiritual understanding?

Do you display posters and design activities to help youth members and young adults understand their right to be safe, how they can contribute to a safe social and psychological environment and what to do if they feel unsafe?

Do you provide opportunities for all Youth Members and young adults to contribute to the Program development, implementation and evaluation which caters to the different interests and skills of young people?

Do you empower your Leaders to make appropriate changes in response to cultural, gender, ability, religious or socioeconomic issues and needs?

Have you visited Scout Central?

This is a great tool for your Youth Program but just a reminder that all updates to Membership details still need to be completed via SMS.



Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts



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Joey Scout Jaunt

This is an event you will not want to miss, it will be an event that as a Joey Scout will keep you busy the whole day, and as a Leader an opportunity to obtain new ideas, see how other Mobs operate, and build on that network of support when you meet other Leaders and go away from the day with new friends. When is Joey Scout Jaunt scheduled for 2015. It is to be held on Saturday 1 August from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm and the theme will be 'KNIGHTS OF THE JOEY SCOUT CIRCLE'.

At this year's Joey Scout Jaunt we will have the Scout shop from QSC, the Rural Fire brigade, Knights of the Round Table, Environmental Base, a climbing wall, Police, the Scout Museum will be open providing a Knights Of The Joey Scout Circle 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 for you to buy a variety of coffee to refresh those weary limbs.

The successful outcome from previous years has relied upon the faithful who continued to provide wonderful bases for your Youth Members to enjoy. They will be here again this year, but this year, I am also inviting 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 benefitting 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.

A registration form is available online at scoutsqld.com.au.

Parent Interview

I believe this to be a very important subject, well worth talking about again. With the start of the new year and the prospect of introducing new members into your Section it is prudent to think about how we interact with our parents and obtain vital information about our Joey Scouts. It was important years ago when I ran a Mob and it is just as important now – parent interviews.

Where can we hold a parent interview?; maybe the Den or at the child's home? Holding a parent interview in the child's home provides you an opportunity to assess and evaluate their environment, how the child lives, their interaction with the parents and other siblings and to informally speak with the child in an environment they feel safe and comfortable.

Going to meet the family and the prospective Joey Scout, we need to ensure we are ready to provide relevant information and respond to questions frequently asked, which could be:

- How do I sign up for Joey Scouts?
- How and where do I purchase a uniform?
- What will my child need?
- What are the costs to join Scouting?
- Is there any financial aid for families of limited means to assist with the costs of joining Scouts?
- What can my child expect when they join?
- Where do my registration fees go?
- Does Scouts Australia admit both boys and girls?
- Do you have to believe in God to join Scouting?
- What is Scouts Australia's Policy on Parents/Guardians participating in Scouting activities?
- What is a Parent's/Guardian's role at a Scouting activity?
- What can Parents expect before they come to activities?
- What should we do about siblings who aren't Members of Scouting?
- What are our responsibilities with the Group?

What are the Parent's responsibilities? Being a Scout parent comes with important responsibilities too. Explain they need to:

- Show your interest and encourage your child's Scouting participation.
- Provide transport for meetings and outdoor activities.
- Help to raise money for your child's Scout Group.
- Give your time to participate in Scouting activities and events.

Also speak about the benefits of Scouting covering areas of educational outcomes, family involvement and interaction with the local and wider community. Parents are vital members of our team assisting with working and training Youth Members and that their help and participation is a normal expectation. It is vital that parents understand this expectation at your meeting and should be made to feel welcomed and an important part of the Mob/Group.

Don't be scared of 'parent interviews'. Look at the process as a tool to communicate with your parents and to improve your understanding of the Youth Member. If you do not feel comfortable in conducting a parent interview in their home, then organise for it to occur at the Den at a time mutually agreeable to all parties.

Upcoming events:

- Brisbane Gang Show - 03 July 2015 to 11 July 2015
- Joey Scout Jaunt – Saturday 1 August 2015 at BP Park Samford
- Skillorama – Saturday 05 September 2015 @ Redcliffe Show Grounds, Redcliffe.

Quote – The mind is everything. What you think, you become. The Buddha

Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts



Tim Gibbings

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"Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"

'RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE' – Cuboree 2016

To help celebrate the 100 years of Cub Scouting in 2016, we are going to 'Rumble in the Jungle' from Sunday 18th to Friday 23rd September 2016 at Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park with Cuboree 2016. The eligibility criteria for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Leaders, etc to attend is anticipated to remain the same as for 2014, and the cost should be very close to the same, allowing for a CPI increase as required. So you can start your planning, fund raising, identifying and encouraging Cub Scouts and Leaders to attend, etc. The Cuboree Executive Committee has been approved by the Chief Commissioner and so let the planning begin. Further details will be advised and published as soon as it is available and approved.

Opening & Closing Parade Continued

In the last three editions of Encompass (Nov & Dec 2014 and Feb 2015) I provided 'instalments' on the Cub Scout Opening and Closing Parades. If you haven't read them, I recommend you check them out before reading this month's instalment, as the February instalment finished with the Flag 'aspects' of the Parade complete and the Cub Scouts and Leaders standing at 'Alert' still on the Parade Circle.

First a quick reminder, the Cub Scout Opening and Closing ceremonies are to include:

- Inspection (*covered briefly in the Nov 2014 instalment*)
- Call onto Parade (*covered in the Nov 2014 instalment*)
- Grand Howl (*covered in the Dec 2014 instalment*)
- Flag Break or Flag Down (*covered in the Feb 2015 instalment*)
- Prayer
- 'Break Off' or 'Dismiss' (Good Night) (depending whether Opening or Closing)
- Prayer

A prayer is conducted during the Opening and Closing Parades and use of the *Cub Scout Prayer* for both should definitely be avoided; in fact, there is no necessity to use the *Cub Scout Prayer* at all. I would encourage the Duty Six be responsible for the prayer, but it does not have to be the Sixer or Second. Also there are often Cub Scouts who are required to write a prayer as part of their Boomerang work or Cub Scout Leadership Course, so why not have them use the prayer they produced. Some Packs have a source of prayers available for the Cub Scouts to select from, and some encourage the Cub Scouts to make one up, perhaps relevant to a theme or the night's activities etc; but remember the prayers should be kept simple and general. Also, to be cognisant of the range of beliefs that may be represented in the Pack, including visitors.

It is normal for the Leader to say 'Prepare for Prayer' to allow the individual Cub Scouts and Leaders to adopt whatever 'pose' they feel comfortable with; normally just head bowed. There is no requirement for the removal of head wear or hand on the heart, etc.

I am convinced that the Opening Prayer, at least, is very important. My Pack used to always include in the Opening Prayer, words to the effect "... and I hope no one gets hurt tonight...". My Leaders and I decided to encourage a little more variety and individuality, so we

asked them to leave that out for now. BIG MISTAKE, I think it was the first night it was left out of the prayer....., you guessed it, someone got hurt; it was immediately allowed back in the prayers if the Cub Scout so desired.

'Break Off' or 'Dismiss': These two commands are defined at the beginning of the *Parade Section* in the *Scouts Australia Ceremonies Book* (about page 9).

'Break off' is used at the conclusion of the Opening Parade to break the Cub Scouts from the Parade Circle and onto the activities at hand. After the prayer, while you have the Cub Scouts 'under control' and their attention, I recommend you give them very quick instructions on where, what, etc, you require them to do immediately after they *Break Off* – eg Hang up your hats and scarves and then go to this area and get ready for a game.

On the order 'Break Off', there is a slight pause and the Cub Scouts move off independently. The Cub Scouts do not need to turn or take a step out of the circle together, and the salute is NOT given.

'Dismiss' is used at the Closing Parade to signify that the day's/night's activity is over and it's time to go home; it is a form of 'formal and respectful' good night. Cub Scout Packs can include a 'little Jungle' theme in the Dismissal.

On the order 'Dismiss', the Cub Scouts:

- Turn to the right (this ensures their saluting arm is on the outside of the Parade Circle and less likely to hit someone when they salute);
- Pause, however with Cub Scouts, during this pause consider saying 'Good Hunting Pack' as you send them out into the world;
- Salute, as the Cub Scouts salute, they respond with 'Good Hunting Akela' or 'Leaders';
- Pause;
- Step off independently (as a slight variation see below).

Something to consider, which worked very well in my Pack and many others that have adopted it. Instead of the Cub Scouts all stepping off independently and dispersing all over the place, consider having the Cub Scouts remain in the Circle and file past all the Leaders and shake hands. It provides an excellent opportunity for the Leaders to very briefly acknowledge each Cub Scout, perhaps acknowledge their efforts, congratulate them, encourage a little better effort next week, etc. I also used to insist, that during the handshake, 'dead fish' handshakes were not acceptable and the Cub Scout had to lift their head up and look the Leader in the eyes and speak clearly; this went well towards raising their confidence and being respectful and well mannered. I have some great stories of the fun my Leaders and I have had with this process. Also, instead of handing out notices before the Closing Parade and having the Cub Scouts put them down for parade and subsequently leave them behind (I know they would never do that), I would have a Parent Helper, or the like, stand at the end of the Leaders and pass the notice/s directly to the Cub Scout after they have shaken the last Leader's hand; just a thought.

Well, that's if for Opening and Closing Parades for Cub Scout Packs; I would welcome your comments or concerns, and happy to clarify if you are confused in anyway.

Good Hunting All.

Branch Commissioner Scouts



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Patrol Leaders

Training of Patrol Leaders is the single most important task that we as Scout Leaders have. I'm sure many of us are keen to ensure that we have well run programs and take the approach that it is easier to do it ourselves or don't even consider involving the Patrol Leaders. While this may be the path of least resistance it does however dismiss some important fundamentals of the Scout method. The Patrol Leader is fundamental to how we should be operating, planning and delivering the program to the Troop. If this isn't happening then it may be time to invest some efforts in training the Patrol Leaders.

One way we judge how well our programs are working is to look at the achievements in relation to the award scheme. The other is that the Scouts are doing what Scouts do; working as a Patrol, camping, acquiring practical skills, engaging the outdoors, looking for adventure and of course enjoying themselves. It's a little difficult in using the award scheme as a gauge because we need to try to understand the difference between completing requirements of the award scheme and doing the things that Scouts do. If we plan and prepare for doing the things Scouts do, then they will complete requirements as a result of participating. If we plan solely on completing requirements of the award scheme then we create a classroom environment where you go over material because you have to rather than doing something because you want to. We don't 'do the award scheme'; we complete the award scheme because we do what Scouts do. That may sound a little confusing at first but think on it for a while and it will begin to make more sense as you think about it. This all happens in a Patrol (not Troop) and this is where the Patrol Leader's job is very the key to success. The Patrol Leader makes it possible for their Patrol to achieve whilst also achieving for themselves.

This of course can only happen if Scouts are attending and prepared to participate. In developing the Patrol Leader it is something we always need to be thinking about. If a Scout isn't participating we have to ask why. Are they busy with other things? Is our Program interesting and engaging? Do they want to be here? Do they have a good relationship with their Patrol Leader? Your example and encouragement is the most important factor in making this happen.

Scouter Skills

Over the years I have been noticing that our outdoor skills are generally decreasing. Maybe it's a case of age or a bit of "in the good old days" coming to play on my part or perhaps just the busier lives we are all leading not leaving time to work on the little things. In the past (yes the good old days again) activities such as Scout Out were run which were a weekend of fellowship and skills sharing within the Scout Section. Attendance at this event has dwindled to the point where the last two have been cancelled.

To address the need for continual learning and also to address the reasons why Leaders don't attend these activities the Scout team has been working on putting together a series of activity days. More information will come in the next Encompass but in the meantime if you give a little thought to the practical skills you would like to improve on I would be happy to hear from you and be guided by your needs.

SSS 2015

Expressions of Interest are available on the Branch Website for SSS 2015. Please pass a copy on to your Patrol Leaders so that they can get this in as soon as possible to begin the application process. Please note the closing date as it is important to give the Patrol Leaders enough time to organise themselves once they receive the applications in response to their expression of interest. As SSS is all about Patrol camping the communication is deliberately targeted at the Patrol Leaders so please give them the opportunity to learn and grow by managing the task themselves. Some PLs will thrive on this task and others will struggle. That's where we as Leaders need to support them in such a way that it is still their achievement.

In past years I've seen many activity Patrols put together to attend this event. While this is sometimes necessary it should be the exception rather than the rule. It makes it a very difficult job for all if the Patrol Leader is not used to working with the Scouts in the Patrol and they have no respect for the Patrol Leader. Developing a well-oiled Patrol takes time; it's not just thrown together. Please do your best to encourage natural Patrols to come to SSS and I'm sure you'll delight in seeing how much they grow over the course of 4 days.

With AJ2016 coming up, this year's SSS is an ideal time for Scouts to meet the requirement of having three nights under canvas. Having this longer camping experience goes a long way towards making sure that the Scouts cope well with attendance at a Jamboree. As SSS prior to a Jamboree is well attended please be aware that we may need to have a cut off as we can only stretch the facilities at BP Park so far.

AJ2016

Applications for AJ2016 have been open for a while now and the trickle coming in is starting to gain momentum. We now have over 700 applications which is around half of the expected numbers.

A couple of points to pass on to your Scouts, firstly is to remember to send in the first payment with the application form.

This will help us greatly in matching payments with applicants and save a lot of time by not having to follow up applicants to obtain payment. Some applicants have decided to send in the application form without payment and wait until we acknowledge receipt of the form before sending the payment in.



As we are not in the practice of acknowledging receipt of the form this just throws a spanner in the works causing more delays.

Secondly is the signatures needed on the application. We have cut down the efforts needed in obtaining signatures by obtaining Regional Commissioners approval on behalf of the applicants. Please make sure you and your Scouts read the supplementary information form that is downloaded with the application. It clearly states which signatures to obtain before sending the form in.

The official website has undergone a face lift so if you haven't visited for a while I suggest that you go back for a visit. This site is also where you will find the online application which is the beginning of the application process. The URL for the site is <http://www.aj2016.com.au>.

To find out more information specific to Queensland Contingent you can visit <http://www.jamboree.scoutsqld.com.au>. If you have questions, comments or suggestion that you think everyone can benefit from then please visit the Contingent Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AJ2016Qld>.

Closing date for the first payment is the 31st March and I look forward to seeing many more applications come in and sharing this great experience with you all.



"Vigorous Scout games are the best form of physical education because most of them bring in moral education."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

Lord Baden-Powell Society

The Lord Baden-Powell Society is a donor society and division of Scouts Australia whose 1200 members help young Australians experience the benefits and joys of Scouting through providing private financial support.

The Society through the generosity of its members is planning to provide \$180,000 in Grants to assist Australian Scouts in need to attend the Cataract Park Jamboree in January 2016.

The Society will allocate funds per Scout to go towards the costs of attending the Jamboree. Grants will be made on a needs basis with preference going to the most deserving applicants. Applications for these Grants are made and managed by the State branches. To obtain an application form visit the Qld Contingent website.

If you would like more information about the Lord Baden-Powell Society, to become a member or make a donation please visit www.scouts.com.au.

58th JOTA 19th JOTI 16th to 18th October 2015

"Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet on the third weekend of October is the largest Scouting event in the world, with nearly 1 million Scouts from 160⁺ countries engaged in conversations across town and around the world. Scouts communicate with one another via amateur radio and the Internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement."

The above statement is from the official 2015 JOTA-JOTI website at <http://www.world-jotajoti.info>. This website is your source of official Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet news, information, and support for your local operation. This website is a very useful site for information and activities on both JOTA and JOTI.

It is time for all Groups, Districts and Regions to start preparing for the 2015 JOTA JOTI camps over the third weekend of October. A great place to start is by making contact with your local Amateur Radio Club to seek assistance with operating the radios over the JOTA weekend. The Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) website is a great location for contact details of the radio clubs in Qld. The link is wia.org.au/clubs/vk4.

The 2014 JOTA booklet and guide is still on the branch website. The 2015 JOTA guide is presently being developed and will be on the Branch web site by the end of March.

For those Youth Members and Leaders who hold an Amateur Radio License this is a good time to dust off your radio and with your fellow Scouts let's communicate with a number of the nearly 1 million Scouts in 160+ countries worldwide. A new form D11 has been developed for Members who hold an Amateur Radio license to complete so that they can wear the Amateur Radio badge on their uniform.

I will be adding information to the Branch JOTA web page for JOTA and the Amateur Radio badge.

Until next month

Albert Shelley VK4POW

Queensland Branch Advisor - JOTA/JOTI and Electronics



Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts



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Venturer Scout Report

I have just returned from BRAVSLAC where there were many discussions about the direction the Venturer Scout Section is heading whilst networking with new and not so new Leaders. The Leaders were privileged to witness and do some back to basics camp cooking using homemade bell ovens and cardboard box ovens and cooked and sampled some very easy camp cooking recipes.

Throughout the discussions some clear outcomes were identified and the most significant was that Venturer Scout Leaders and interested parties will now be receiving memos sent directly to them via email from me on topics and procedures relevant to the Program/badge work workings of the Venturer Scout Section. This outcome resulted from the ongoing concern of information being miscommunicated throughout the Section occasioning in Units, Districts and Region operating under information that is not in line with the remainder of the State. If there are other ideas that could be implemented to disburse misconceptions of the Section please feel free to contact me.

A number of guest speakers attended BRAVSLAC to impart some knowledge and information about their portfolios including the Qld Performing Arts Team (QPAT), the Adventurous Activities Team, the Heritage Team, the Scout Section and the Rover Scout Section. In line with National incentives we included some guest speakers around the topic of bullying and relating it to the Venturer Scout Section. Hsien-Jin Teoh presented on the behavioural concepts of bullying and from his extensive background as a Clinical Psychologist was able to provide some interesting insight into the thinkings behind why people initially and subsequently continue to bully. Hsien-Jin has kindly provided me with a copy of his presentation including the resources he used and I will be disseminating this in the near future.

Following on from Hsien-Jin, Brett Lee from Internet Education and Safety Services presented on Internet safety and cyber-bullying. Brett presented a very capturing and engaging presentation that has in turn created a large amount of discussion and thinking about how much do we and ultimately our Venturer Scouts actually know about the Internet and how we operate in a world where the Internet is so present. A main focus of Brett's presentation was the concept that just because we can does not mean that we should and that it is through education, trusting our instincts and making good choices we can have great online experiences. Brett has recently launched a website where he educates people on the specifics of Internet use.

I would encourage everyone to think about how we can improve our Venturer Scouts understanding of using the Internet and refer to Brett's website www.internetsafefamilies.com for information and resources that can be used. Brett is also available to come and talk to Venturer Scouts and Leaders for a small fee.



INTERNET
Safe Families

Dates (a partial list)

March

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| 1 | Clean up Australia Day |
| 6-8 | Roventure |
| 14-15 | Operation Archer |
| 20-22 | Leadership Course – Birkdale Scout Den |

April

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| 19 | Unit Management Course –
Camira Scout Den |
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See <http://venturerforum.scoutsqld.com.au> for details of these activities.

Position Vacant

Scouts Queensland currently has a vacancy for an experienced Grounds/Handyman for their Karingal/ Erapah campsite at Mt Cotton & Victoria Point.

This is a part-time position - approximately 24 hours a week. The hours worked are within Monday to Friday.

Groundsman duties include:

- Mowing and trimming lawns
- Pruning, hedging and weeding
- Experience with whipper snippers, spraying, brush cutting
- Fertilising
- Maintaining pool
- Cleaning and maintaining paths
- Maintaining garden tools

Handyman tasks include:

- Replacing lights
- Cleaning gutters and water tanks
- Maintaining doors, locks, taps etc.
- Minor building work (e.g. erecting shelves)
- Minor painting work (e.g. deck varnishing)

Qualifications

Good eye for detail and presentation

Able to work on roofs and ladders (limited)

Fit and strong

Experience in using garden machines (rider mowers, tractors, chain saw, trimmers etc.)

Must be able to work with no supervision and happy to work with minimal contact with other people.

This is a job where you work on your own most of the time
Current Manual Australian Driver's License and own reliable transport

Must be able to pass a Police Check and have Blue card.

Contact Terry Mackay 3870 7000 or capworks@scoutsqld.com.au.

News and events

Communication

Stick Bite — A lesson well learned!

Guy Drake (Arunta), Cub Scout Leader, Belmont Scout Group

It was about 2.30pm on a Sunday and I was inspecting some back tracks at the Murrenbong Scout Camp property along a muddy 4wd track that follows a section we intended to hike with the Cubs during our Pack Holiday planned for two weeks later.

I was alone. I had neglected to use the buddy system despite my entire Scout training. That was my first mistake, and although the camp wardens were aware I was on the property, they didn't know exactly where I was going, which was of course my second mistake. My mobile phone and possibly my UHF radio were therefore my only backup in case of an emergency and the reception can be patchy in some parts of the property apparently.

I came across a small dead tree lying across the track. I got out and pulled it out of the way. As I got back into my car I noticed a small amount of fresh blood on the inside of my right forearm about an inch and a half up from my wrist. I wiped it off with a finger and noticed blood seeping from two distinct but tiny puncture wounds about a centimetre apart.

I had felt nothing, there was no pain, and nothing on the tree seemed to have been a potential cause for the punctures. I did not see a snake or anything else that could have bitten me, but I quickly became concerned that perhaps I had been bitten by a snake. I had read an article about the fact that snake bites are not always felt and do not necessarily cause pain at the bite site. I was now thinking OK, better err on the side of caution, given where I was (at least a 15 minute drive from Camp HQ) and make my way back to where I could access help if needed. My third mistake was not thinking to try to call Camp HQ and let them know what my situation was. I decided not to put a pressure bandage on myself which would have delayed my return (at least I did happen to have a first aid kit with me in the car) and I decided instead to proceed directly back to Camp HQ where I hoped I would find someone.

Whilst driving back on the treacherously muddy tracks I was thinking, don't get bogged now you fool, and hoping not to feel the onset of strange and unwelcome symptoms.

Well I arrived back at HQ thankfully symptomless and 15 or so minutes after apparently being bitten by a snake that was intent on killing me, at least that is what it seemed like at the time. I am sure my blood pressure was on its way up by this point.

I found Lorna, one of the wardens, and asked her if they had any dangerous snakes on the property which she promptly confirmed with a yes followed by why! "Well I think I might have been bitten by a snake" I said, and showed her the evidence. Lorna asked me all the expected questions and in the end decided it would be best to call 000 and get the paramedics to check me out just in case. Before long I had a pressure bandage nicely wrapped from my hand all the way up to just below my shoulder. The ambulance arrived within 10 minutes. They hooked me up to wires and stuff and checked me out and very quickly told me everything appeared normal, but that I still needed to go to hospital to be checked out properly. They said if all was OK I would be able to go home in two hours.

Having never been in an ambulance before, and as that was definitely on my bucket list, I enthusiastically agreed to go for a ride. "Can we put the sirens on" I said!

So off we go, sirens wailing trying to find ways around the flooded roads and by necessity driving through the odd one with some trepidation on behalf of my driver. As we sped along the radio operator was directing the driver to go to first this hospital and then the next, eventually deciding on Caboolture Hospital which of course was the one furthest from where I wanted to be, i.e. home.

On the way, Andrew my paramedic was telling me stories about his last run of snake bite victims, all of which had either died or nearly died. Apparently, according to Andrew, symptoms can take hours to become apparent, so I was not feeling terribly at ease by this time.

We eventually arrived at the hospital, fortunately without being washed into a rain swelled creek and I am hustled into a bed while everyone it seemed was watching me out of the corner of their eye to see if I was about to keel over. About 30 different people were doing this and that, attaching wires and things and asking me to put this nice gown on etc. etc. Remaining calm amongst all this urgent work was near impossible, but they were doing a fantastic job.

Before long my cheerful and efficient Doctor (Dominic) arrives and gives me the wonderful news that I will be here, in the emergency department, for at least the next 12 hours while they take blood at various intervals (to check for any traces of venom) and watch me like a hawk for any symptoms which can include headaches, nausea, vision problems, dizziness, loss of cognitive skills, death and stuff like that. Meanwhile whilst I am hooked up to ECG, blood pressure and circulation monitors etc., I am instructed to hold the call button thingy and press it with all my might if I feel anything, anything untoward.

For the next 12 hours or so I was shaken and stirred regularly and asked to perform a swath of tests including questions such as "what is the date today" and "what is your name".

Eventually all the tests were complete and I was given the all clear, and told by the Ward Nurse "you can go now". And there ends my little adventure. As to what actually happened at the beginning of my story I will never really know, but the potential scenarios include a bite from a non-venomous snake, a bite that failed to inject venom (which is in fact more common than you would think), or a stick bite (from splinters or something sharp in the tree I was moving).

Take home lessons – Always take a buddy with you, this is not just for youth members, it applies to leaders as well. Always tell someone responsible exactly where you intend to go and your intended time of return. When an emergency scenario presents itself, if possible take a moment to consider your options before taking action.



Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth Program



DIVERSITY IN SCOUTING

As we approach celebrations associated with Harmony Day it is important that we can reflect on what this means to be a member of Scouting and in particular a member of Scouting in Australia.

Harmony Day which occurs on 21 March annually, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. This year will be the 15th year of celebrations. This day reminds us as Australians, about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

In Scouting and in Australia, our cultural diversity remains one of our greatest strengths. We know that Australia is becoming increasingly culturally diverse and there is a challenge for Scouts Australia to reflect on our rich diversity.

At the world level, WOSM has recently launched its new Triennial Plan. It is available on the website. The new Vision has been accepted. It is very ambitious and is presented below. Clearly diversity and living in harmony are on the agenda.

Our Vision

By 2023 Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values.

In order to support this, specific priorities are addressed. One of these recognises the area of diversity and inclusion.

Diversity & Inclusion

Scouting should reflect the societies in which it exists and actively work to welcome all individuals without distinction. This diversity should not only be reflected in the membership, but also the methods and programmes used within the Movement.

Through my role as an elected member of the World Scout Committee, I have the pleasure of leading this workstream at the World level. We met last weekend in Athens to further develop what this means.

As you can see, the team consists of ten of us- of different ages, genders, religions, societies and locations. Two main themes emerge related to the measuring and defining the impact made socially by Scouting in specific communities and supporting new projects that promote diversity and inclusion.

I look forward to sharing our results with you as we progress this exciting agenda.



Enjoy Harmony Day and all that this special day means for us in Australia.

Volunteer Driver Required

Do you have experience towing long/heavy loads?

Are you available for a few hours one Saturday out of the month?

We are looking for a volunteer driver to help assist in the towing of the mobile climbing wall to/from Scouting and community events.

If you can be of any assistance, please contact our Activity Bookings Officer 3870 7000 or activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au

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Scout Groups and activities will continue not be charged for submission of content.

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Judy Seymour

Games are fun to the Scouts, and learning opportunities to the leaders. A hike, a chalk chase, and a Kim's game are all parts of tracking. One patrol can set out, the next patrol's job to find them. Use it to find out what is happening in your local environment. Tracking or spooring (the South African term) was part of B.-P.'s daily routine: When I am walking along a road or path, I generally do a little tracking every day, because it is only by constant practice that a fellow can learn tracking or keep [the] eye in when [s/]he has learnt it. It is quite easy and simple to do, only Scouts often do not think of doing it. (*Young knights of the Empire: Their code and further scout yarns*; 1917, p. 16)



- Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts – Go on a ramble, and find some tracks. Happy exploring... but you must be very very quiet! Back at the den, sprinkle flour on the floor, and create your own.
- Scouts – On camp, note the tracks around the dams and billabongs. Take plaster casts (or photograph the print). Identify the spoors. (Be cautious when finding wild pig tracks.)
- Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts – Make some resin casts of some tracks, or use a distinctive shoe sole. Set a pair off with a twenty minute head-start wearing the resin spoor or shoe. Start tracking! (Or get your local Hash House Harriers to help!)



Was the animal walking or moving faster? Heading to water or shelter? Combine the activities with local fauna survey weekends,. Tell us the results. What native animals were about? Is there the right ecological balance? And don't forget the cameras for the birds and other animals! From your local council library catalogue, borrow *Tracks, scats and other traces – A field guide to Australian mammals* (by Barbara TRIGGS). Also read Yarn No. 2 in *Scouting for Boys*.

Forthcoming events. How did your mob/pack/troop/unit/crew/fellowship/group impact on Clean-up Australia Day? Send in your measurements of the weight or size of the papers, plastics, and metals collected as an *Encompass* article. What was the most unusual object found?

In the Decade of Water for Life, what can you do to make a difference on World Water Day on 28 March 2015? There are sooo many things – have each six or patrol make a list of how they can practise water conservation. The day is also shared with Earth Hour. Make it Earth Year.

Training opportunities. Sign up for a day or weekend run by the Team, whether under canvas or in the bunkhouse at Erapah. Check out the 2015 calendar on the Branch webpage for more dates. March: 14 Joey Scouts; 21 and 22 – Venturer Scout Environment Tape; 28 Cub Scouts and Scouts (Wirraglen, Darling Downs). Leaders, don't forget your great weekend of 22–24 May.

Bookings: Activity.Bookings@scout.qld.com.au, or tel. (07) 3870 7000.

Inquiries: Branch Commissioner Environmental Education, Judy SEYMOUR, tel. (07) 3203 4193.



Queensland Scouting history. Erapah, in the Redlands, was purchased in 1928, and leaders far and wide came to do their wood badge training. A white-glazed pottery egg would appear just near where Akela Leader (leader trainer) David Thain 'Kiwi' WEIR (1889–1973) was teaching Scouters. Kiwi's egg was re-discovered during ground clearing years ago, and is now on proud display at Erapah's Mungara centre.



UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

We have been advised that after more than 12 years at the same price the Scouts Australia National Executive Committee has agreed to a \$5 retail price increase for all Youth uniform shirts. The Committee also agreed that Leader shirts would remain at their current price and that there would be a rationalisation of some Scout polo shirts. (NEC meeting Nov 2014)

The increase for the Youth uniform shirts will take effect from 1st March 2015. The \$5 increase will apply to both the polo and button up shirt styles.

Polo shirts for Joeys, Cubs and Scouts will increase from \$29.95 to \$34.95 (Venturers and Rovers do not have a polo shirt option). Button up shirts for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers will increase from \$39.95 to \$44.95 (Joeys do not have a button up shirt option). Button up shirts for Rovers will increase from \$44.95 to the same price as the Leader shirt of \$49.95. A female fit Rover button-up shirt is also now available for the same price. Leader Shirts will remain at the current price of \$39.95 for the polo and \$49.95 for the button-up shirt.

A new Uniform Price List and Order form will be sent as a hard copy in the Group Mail. Please ensure that any old copies are destroyed and we would appreciate it if parents are told of the price increase.

Contact the Scout Supply Centre if you have any questions.

REMINDER: New Authorised Badge Secretary Forms

Please be advised this form needs to be submitted if a new badge secretary is taking up appointment. Please submit your paperwork as soon as possible to ensure continuity of supply. Continuing Badge Secretaries do not have to have the form resubmitted.

Please make sure that all relevant signatures are in place on the form before submission, otherwise the form will be returned to the Formation.

Forms can be downloaded from the Branch website under the Forms section of the Members Only Area—Form SS2

REMINDER:

Authorised Trading Cards - All forms due 31st May 2015

Only Formations that have submitted the Authorised Trading Card will be eligible to charge items to the Formation Account (subject to credit restrictions). Please submit your paperwork as soon as possible to ensure continuity of supply.

Please ensure that if your Authorised Trading Officers have left the Group or if you no longer wish them to be able to purchase on the Group Account, that a new form is submitted.

It has come to our attention that all Officers on a Group Trading Card have actually left the Group. Without the Scout Supply Centre being advised of this, those people were still able to purchase items on that account. Forms can be resubmitted throughout the year if circumstances change.

Forms can be downloaded from the Branch website under the Forms section of the Members Only Area—Form SS1

STOCKTAKE REMINDER

The Scout Supply Centre will be closed for Stock take from Monday, 30th March 2015 to Wednesday 1st April 2015. During this time no sales or orders are able to be processed. Please advise your parents that we will be closed.

SALE OF ADULT UNIFORM ITEMS

From 1 December 2013, sale of all uniform items for adults must be accompanied with their membership number and Valid Blue card number lodged on the Scout Membership System.

If purchasing online please enter your membership number into the comments field. Orders without a number will be cancelled.

This requirement also applies to 'ADULT HELPER' shirts—Appointment in SMS must read "Member—Adult Helper"

Training calendar

Adults in Scouting

Dates are subject to change
throughout the year

Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
Advanced Practical Course (Cub Scouts)				
5111501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5111502	Baden-Powell Park	15-May-15 (Fri)	17-May-15 (Sun)	24-Apr-15 (Fri)
Advanced Practical Course (Joey Scouts)				
5011501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
Advanced Practical Course (Leader of Adults)				
5511501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
Advanced Practical Course (Rovers)				
5411501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
Advanced Practical Course (Scouts)				
5211501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5211502	Baden-Powell Park	15-May-15 (Fri)	17-May-15 (Sun)	24-Apr-15 (Fri)
Advanced Practical Course (Venturer Scouts)				
5311501	Baden-Powell Park	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Cub Scouts)				
5101507	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5101514	Wyper Park Campsite	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
5101502	Baden-Powell Park	1-May-15 (Fri)	3-May-15 (Sun)	10-Apr-15 (Fri)
5101504	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5101508	Central & Coastal Region	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
5101506	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
5101509	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Joey Scouts)				
5001506	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5001513	Wyper Park Campsite	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
5001503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5001505	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5001507	Central & Coastal Region	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
5001508	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Leader of Adults)				
5501506	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5501513	Wyper Park Campsite	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
5501503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5501507	Central & Coastal Region	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
5501505	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
5501508	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Rovers)				
5401505	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5401503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Scouts)				
5201507	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5201514	Wyper Park Campsite	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
5201506	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	17-Apr-15 (Fri)	19-Apr-15 (Sun)	27-Mar-15 (Fri)
5201502	Baden-Powell Park	1-May-15 (Fri)	3-May-15 (Sun)	10-Apr-15 (Fri)
5201504	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5201508	Central & Coastal Region	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
5201509	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Basic Practical Course (Venturer Scouts)				
5301505	Kennedy Region	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
5301512	Wyper Park Campsite	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
5301503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
5301506	Central & Coastal Region	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
5301507	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	29-May-15 (Fri)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Bushwalking				
2201509	Kennedy Region	23-May-15 (Sat)	23-May-15 (Sat)	1-May-15 (Fri)
2201503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	23-May-15 (Sat)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
2201502	Baden-Powell Park	30-May-15 (Sat)	31-May-15 (Sun)	8-May-15 (Fri)

Training calendar

Adults in Scouting

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Course #	Venue	Start Date	End Date	Closing date
Mob Holiday Practical Course				
8381502	Queensland Scout Centre	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
8381503	Kennedy Region	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
Module 4 Train the Trainer (2015)				
2831502	Queensland Scout Centre	28-Mar-15 (Sat)	28-Mar-15 (Sat)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
2831503	Queensland Scout Centre	30-May-15 (Sat)	30-May-15 (Sat)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Pack Holiday Practical Course				
8371503	Kennedy Region	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	11-Apr-15 (Sat)	13-Mar-15 (Fri)
8371502	Queensland Scout Centre	18-Apr-15 (Sat)	18-Apr-15 (Sat)	27-Mar-15 (Fri)
SISO - Abseiling Level 1 (Natural Surfaces)				
1091501	Blackwater	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
1091504	Baden-Powell Park	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
1091502	Seeonee Park - Rockhampton	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
SISO - Abseiling Level 1 (Artificial Surfaces)				
1011501	Blackwater	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
1011504	Baden-Powell Park	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
SISO - Abseiling Level 2 (Artificial Surfaces)				
1021503	Baden-Powell Park	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
SISO - Abseiling Level 2 (Natural Surfaces)				
1031505	Baden-Powell Park	22-May-15 (Fri)	24-May-15 (Sun)	1-May-15 (Fri)
SISO - Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 1				
1051504	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
SISO - Canoeing (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2				
1061505	Bribie Island	1-May-15 (Fri)	3-May-15 (Sun)	10-Apr-15 (Fri)
SISO-Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 1				
1071502	Brownsea Water Activity Centre	27-Mar-15 (Fri)	29-Mar-15 (Sun)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
1071507	Central & Coastal Region	18-Apr-15 (Sat)	19-Apr-15 (Sun)	27-Mar-15 (Fri)
SISO-Kayaking (Flat and Undemanding Water) Level 2				
1081502	Bribie Island	1-May-15 (Fri)	3-May-15 (Sun)	10-Apr-15 (Fri)
1081504	Central & Coastal Region	9-May-15 (Sat)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
TAE 40110 Certificate IV Training and Assessment				
7441501	Baden-Powell Park	1-Apr-15 (Wed)	6-Apr-15 (Mon)	6-Mar-15 (Fri)
Venturer Leadership				
2721502	Wirraglen Campsite - Darling Downs	8-May-15 (Fri)	10-May-15 (Sun)	17-Apr-15 (Fri)
Venturer Unit Management				
3421501	Camira	19-Apr-15 (Sun)	19-Apr-15 (Sun)	27-Mar-15 (Fri)
3421502	Burleigh Heads Scout Den	17-May-15 (Sun)	17-May-15 (Sun)	24-Apr-15 (Fri)
3421508	Moranbah	23-May-15 (Sat)	23-May-15 (Sat)	1-May-15 (Fri)
3421503	Barrabadeen Activity Centre	30-May-15 (Sat)	30-May-15 (Sat)	8-May-15 (Fri)
Wood Badge Training 1				
9501501	Baden-Powell Park	10-Apr-15 (Fri)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
9501504	Kennedy Region	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	12-Apr-15 (Sun)	20-Mar-15 (Fri)
Working with Youth with Special Needs				
3201501	Queensland Scout Centre	16-May-15 (Sat)	16-May-15 (Sat)	24-Apr-15 (Fri)

More detail about courses and further training course dates are available on Scouts Queensland website within the Members Only Area

Branch Commissioner International



Paul Rollason

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Scouting is a creating an understanding of other cultures as well as promoting peace and tolerance through our common understanding of the Scouting Aims and Principles.

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

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting



International Programs in Australia



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:

[Messengers of Peace](#) - this initiative from World Scouting inspires Scouts to take local in action in their communities so that they can create a better world!

Integrate International Scouting into your weekly or camp program - our favourites in hosting an 'Around the World Night', and an 'International Cooking Night'. Check out our resources for leaders!

[SISEP \(Scout International Student Exchange Program\)](#) – Why not host a Scout from overseas?

[JOTA & JOTI](#) – Meet and talk to Scouts from all over the world, either over the internet or using radios.

[Host Corp](#) - You can get involved by being a generous host to these people by joining the Host Corp Team. Register today.

[Pen-Pal Program](#) - write, email, Skype, and keep in contact with a Scout from another country. Exchange ideas without leaving Australia. We match whole Mobs, Packs, and Troops. Get started !

Have some more ideas on International activities?

Got a great activity that you ran at your Group/Mob/Pack/Troop/Unit/Crew? Have you already mapped some international activities against your Section Award Scheme?

Please email them to us so we can include them here for everyone else to use!

Host Families Required For Scout Exchange Program

We are seeking interested families with Venturer aged Youth Members (14 ½ to 17yrs – Boys & Girls) who will be interested in hosting a visiting Venturer either from England, Denmark or Indonesia from late June till early August 2015 (dates to be confirmed). The Exchange Venturer will be part of your family for their visit and participate at School, Scouting and family during this time. This will be an ideal opportunity for your family to participate in International Scouting and show our visitors what it is like to live in Australia. Families need to be in place asap so those countries can organise flights for their Venturers going to Queensland.

For more information, please email the Qld SISEP Co-ordinator, Scott Edwards.
Email: sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au

There is no obligation on your family to go on Exchange, but you will certainly have a great experience. We have had other Host Families who have enjoyed hosting that they have hosted 3 times. For more Information on SISEP, please visit the Qld SISEP page on Scouts Queensland website.

International Easter Traditions



The tradition in Germany to decorate the branches of trees and bushes with eggs for Easter is centuries old, but its origins have been lost. The egg is an ancient symbol of life all over the world. Eggs are hung on branches of outdoor trees and bushes and on cut branches inside. The custom is found mostly in Germany and Austria, but also in other German-influenced places such as Ukraine, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moravia, and the Pennsylvania Dutch region of the United States. Egg trees are also sometimes decorated on May Day, Christmas, Whitsun, and the summer solstice. Other German Easter traditions include the dressing of public wells as Osterbrunnen, Osterhasen (Easter Hares) and Osterfeuer (Easter bonfires).

In Norway, in addition to staying at mountain cabins, cross-country skiing and painting eggs, a contemporary tradition is to read or watch murder mysteries at Easter. All the major television channels run crime and detective stories (such as *Agatha Christie's Poirot*), magazines print stories where the readers can try to figure out "Whodunnit", and new detective novels are scheduled for publishing before Easter. Even the milk cartons are altered for a couple of weeks. Each Easter a new short mystery story is printed on their sides. Stores and businesses close for five straight days at Easter, with the exception of grocery stores, which re-open for a single day on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

Roverway 2016 - France

Roverway is a joint European WAGGGS and WOSM event for 16 – 22 year old Rover Scouts and Ranger Guides from Europe and all over the world. Roverway is a 9 day event that includes activities and camping.

Roverway brings together more than 3,000 rovers and rangers from all over the world and is the event that you don't want to miss! The event was introduced in 2003 and consists usually of two stages. The first stage is a journey with small units of Scouts-Guides making their way to the main camp. Each path is different and the themes range from cultural excursions to forest hikes. The second stage is a camp which lasts for the rest of the event and where all path tribes come together on the camp.

We're very excited to share some great news with you!



ScOutPost, the space used for communication among World Scout Youth Forum participants, is now officially replaced by the Youth Wall! This is a vibrant space for discussions, that works all through the triennium! here, Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee will share regular updates about their work, but will also open up a broader space for discussions about youth involvement in our Movement. The Youth Wall is a space where we can build value, knowledge and engage in World Scouting issues and decision-making processes!

Sounds interesting? Then join us for future debates and voice your opinion here, on scout.org, or on our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/scoutsyouthwall>

The Scouts of the World Award challenges all young people aged 15-26, Scouts and non-Scouts, to reflect upon global issues and act upon them locally!

Join thousands of Scouts around the world in exploring global challenges and acting on them locally through The Scouts of the World Award.

Be part of the #SWAward programme - <https://www.facebook.com/scoutsoftheworldaward>
More info at www.scout.org/scoutsoftheworld



Kandersteg Expedition

6th June – 10th July 2016

12- 25 yrs + adult leaders

Opening late 2014

Contact Contingent leader Gary Steinhardt

for more information garyms@optusnet.com.au



Haarlem Jamborette International,

The Netherlands, July 26-August 4, 2015



**Uganda Scouts International Centenary Jamboree,
August 18-28, 2015**



**24th World Scout Jamboree - July, 2019,
West Virginia, United States**

15th World Scout Moot Iceland

The 15th World Scout Moot will be in Iceland from July 25th to August 2nd 2017.

The Moot will bring up to 500 young adults 18-26yrs together

<http://worldscoutmoot.is/>



Branch Commissioner Performing Arts



Geoff Doo

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Hi everyone and welcome to "Performing Arts"

We have another exciting year of Performing Arts Programs for you and your Sections across this year –and we are particularly excited that we are launching our Scout Section Program this year.

Performing Arts Program

Joey Mobs/ Cub Scout Packs- these Programs are available now to be run in your Section by Members of the Performing Arts Team – if you would like a Program run simply drop me an email at bc.arts@qldhq.scouts.com.au and I shall arrange for someone to contact you and organise one of these exciting Programs. That's right we come to you at your Group and run the Program for you.

So book early now at the above email address

Scout Section – this Program is now ready to be made available to Scout Troops. The Program is run from Doomben – Gang Show backstage facility and has a focus on introducing Scouts to Lighting and Sound as components of Performing Arts. This program is available on the following dates in 2015 –

May 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th

July 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st

October 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd

The program can be run from 7.00pm nightly and runs for 2 hours. We would require a minimum of 10 Scouts and a maximum of 20 Scouts. To book simply email me at bc.arts@qldhq.scouts.com.au and I shall send you a booking form – it is a great night of fun and education for Scouts – nights are limited so early bookings are essential.

Christmas Carols

The great news is we are holding a Christmas Carols in 2015—so lock the date in your diary now – **Saturday 5th December**. More information to follow.

Brisbane Gang Show 2015.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to the 1st rehearsal of the 2015 Brisbane Gang Show on February 15th at Queensland Branch Headquarters. It was great to see a cast of 120 youth members on that day preparing to commence the rehearsal program under the guidance of Trevor O'Hara the newly appointed Production Director and his team.

The show takes to the stage in July 2015 over the school holidays so make sure section/group have booked your seats early so that you do not miss out on this year's show - I hear it is going to be great!

Other news

We have a "how to run a campfire" outline available. Campfires are a really important part of the Scouting Program and here is an opportunity to get back to basics and learn how to run a really great campfire- if you are interested drop me a line bc.arts@qldhq.scouts.com.au and we can arrange a suitable time to run you and others interested through the program – you even get to attend a campfire at the end!

I still have a supply of glow sticks that I am looking to sell at cost – (approx -60c ea). If anyone or Group is interested please email me. That's all for this month – so make sure you are participating in Performing Arts!

The International Explorer Award

The award is a belt and buckle that can be worn in place of the uniform belt. This award can be earned by any registered member of Scouts Australia who travels to an officially recognized International Scouting event overseas and participates in two of the following activities:

1. Service (minimum 4 hours)
2. Camping (minimum 1 night)
3. Training (minimum 1 complete day)
4. Attend at least three meetings (minimum 3 hours)

Upon return from overseas, the candidate is required to complete at least 3 reports or presentations.



Host Families and Host Corp Team

For information on being a host family and how you can experience International Scouting contact Sandra Hemming, Queensland Coordinator ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au.

Region Development and Support Officer



Gill Hall

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State Sign on Day and Membership Retention

Some of the Groups in the Central and Western QLD Region held sign on or open days. Of those who participated it resulted in new members but when you look at the overall figures and take into account Groups cleaning up their census and resigning Youth Members we have a distinct negative reduction in Youth counts.

When a Youth Member resigns or has not been attending for a couple of weeks what are your processes? Do you as Leaders call the parents to find a reason? This is really important. We need to know what the issues are that cause a Youth Member to leave. Do you inform the Group Leader or Leader in Charge?

Many times the reasons are not related to Scouting— other sporting activities taking priority, families relocating etc. Other times it could be hardship—loss of income can be a big factor. We need to remember that we should be making Scouting available to every child and that as a Group we can find ways to assist families that are struggling financially.

Policy and Rules (2013) P2.9.8.d (Financial Deprivation) states that the Association recognises that membership of the Movement incurs a cost to the member and his/her family. The Association's policy is that membership should not be denied on the basis of financial deprivation or the inability of a member or potential member to meet the cost associated with participation in the Scout program.

This means coming to an arrangement of payment plans or fundraising options or discussing with the Group Committee if there are funds to assist. It may also be possible to access the "Disadvantaged Scouts Fund". You need to talk to your District Commissioner or Region Commissioner for their support and the application will then progress to the Chief Commissioner. This fund is limited and funds are given to the Chief Commissioner to administer from the Lord Baden Powell Society annually.

You might also find out there are issues with other Youth Members or Leaders who have caused Youth Members to leave. It is very important to work through these issues and put in place processes to deal with any problems discovered. An ongoing issue not dealt with appropriately or early can become a much bigger problem in the future. Your District Commissioners or Region Commissioners will be able to help you if it is something you feel you cannot deal with within your Scout Group.

Census

This month is probably one of the busiest for Group Leaders. They also require the Section Leaders to assist in following up on Membership so the Census is accurate at the 31st of March. I feel like I sound like a broken record but it amazes me how many people do not understand the consequences to the Scout Group of not resigning people on time. All Group Leaders will be sitting at their computers on the evening of March 31st making sure they have resigned everyone they know of. As of April 1st, the Scout Group will be issued with a renewal invoice for any member still on that census. This has been a costly exercise to Groups in the past who have not complied.

Child Safe Module

I have been travelling around Groups over the past few months we have been conducting sessions for all Adult Members who have not completed this module. It is a great module to complete as a Group. The discussions that come out of it are interesting and you see other Leaders and Adult Member points of view. Complete the module and have everyone sign a register, add their membership number and sent it to Robert at training@scoutsqld.com.au to be recorded. Robert will update the eLearning module and also SMS so the Group Leaders can see who has completed.

Parent Interviews

Another essential role of the Group Leader and Section Leaders at this time of new enrolments is to:

- get the correct information to families on how the Scout Group operates
- tell parents what Scouting gives to their Children
- tell parents what roles they can play in the Group.

A parent interview will reveal all sorts of information about the Youth Member in your care. You will find out about specific behaviours and how to deal with them, family interests (keeping in mind future Badge examiners), and also possibly beliefs of that family.

Another good option is to hold parent information nights. These can be Sectional or as a Group. I know from my experience the valuable information I have gained. The sessions also allow the parents to get to know one another and as friendships form so does the strength of the Section and Group. Parents are more inclined to help with fundraising or transport and camps or even just occasionally on Section nights as rostered parents if they have other people they like to be around.

Deputy Chief Commissioner Special Duties



Iain Furby

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I came across this little story the other day and thought it well with time spent reflecting on its message.

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember: when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry.

Scouting and the United Nations

Over time, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement has developed partnerships with a number of United Nations organisations, particularly those related to young people and the environment.

Scouts Australia is pleased to promote these partnerships and is already supporting the UN with its environmental program.

The UN partners can be found on the WOSM website (www.scout.org) under Partners. There are also some ideas in the Youth Program section.

You may like to consider putting your Scouting training and ideals into practice by volunteering to work for a United Nations project overseas. This could provide you with the experience of a lifetime, qualifications in Rover Scouts and the Scouts of the World Award, and perhaps great skills for your future career. It would also support the World Scouts Partnerships program.

While you would be volunteering as an individual, as Scouts Australia generally does not have the resources to provide financial or other support, working for the United Nations is a great way to take your Scouting skills to places where young people are in great need.

The United Nations Volunteers website is www.unv.org.

Please let us know if you are considering volunteering with the UN by contacting Graeme Fordham, National Project Commissioner - Partnerships, on partnerships@scouts.com.au.



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

Host families and Host Corp Team- Sandra Hemming ,Queensland Coordinator ba.internationalhost@qldhq.scouts.com.au

JOTA & JOTI – Albert Shelley- Queensland Coordinator jota@qldhq.scouts.com.au

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

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

If you would like to know more about what is happening internationally in Scouting or

would like to participate in an overseas event, visit Scouts Australia's Website at www.international.scouts.com.au and it will open up many more links for you to explore? What are you waiting for???? GET INVOLVED NOW and ENJOY.

Administration matters

Communication

APPROVED EVENT BADGES FOR UNIFORM

Name of badge	Date approved	Date to be removed
National Geocaching Competition badge	Now	March 31, 2015
World Scout Jamboree – Aust. Contingent badge	Now	November 13, 2015
Harmony Day badge	March 21, 2015	June 21, 2015

UPDATED FORMS

The following forms have been updated on the Scouts Queensland Website in the Members Only Area

All forms are now editable and savable .

Form	Description	Issue	Date
	No updated forms this month		



JOEY SCOUT RECORD BOOK

A booklet that details the requirements for the Joey Scout participation badges as well as individual and specialist badges.

This booklet will make a great keepsake for the Joey Scouts after they link to the Cub Scout Section.

\$4.95 each

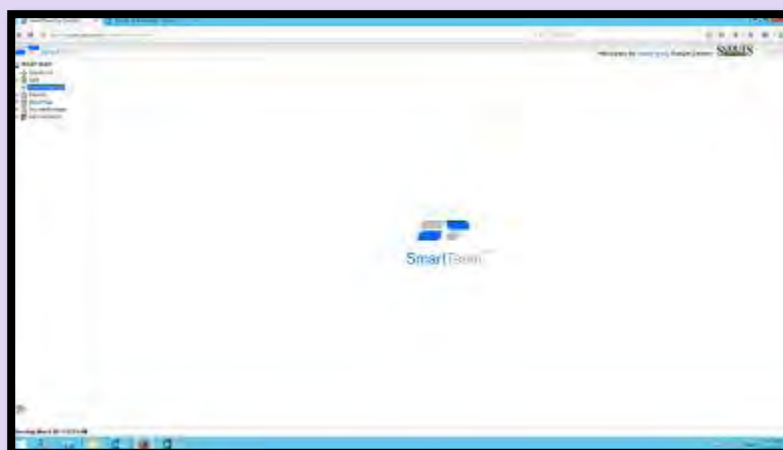
Available through Scout Supply Centre
sales@scoutsupply.com.au



2015 Census data is due by Midnight 31 March 2015

Please ensure all changes are made on the Scout Membership System (SMS) by this date. Please remember to check the Family Codes of your Members.

Please contact Branch Support Office if a Paper Census is requested.



Marketing & Promotions

Communication



University recruitment — O Week

As part of the recruitment strategy we undertake at the beginning of each year and mid-year for Leaders and Rovers (and spin off to other Sections too), Scouts Queensland conducts a promotional display at one of the leading universities in SE Qld.

This year we had a display at QUT Gardens Point campus and Griffith University Gold Coast campus including the very popular rock wall! Thank you to our awesome volunteers!



Keep up to date on social media



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Follow us [@ScoutsQLD](#)

ABC Scout radio correspondents



Are you passionate about Scouting in your community? 612 ABC Brisbane is looking for volunteer correspondents to tell the stories of their community on the radio. A great opportunity to tell your community about the many benefits of Scouting and the fabulous activities we do!

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2015/02/05/4174828.htm>

Property

Communication



Property News

- Logan City Council new community leasing policy
- Brisbane City Council conducting electrical audits and may pay for some repair work
- SEQ councils conducting fire, electrical and building inspections. The inspection times are set by external contractors and are not always flexible.
- Brisbane City Council completing new survey plans for lease renewals.



Property Website pages

If you have not visited the Scouts Qld website for a while, please do so and make a habit of visiting regularly for updates, forms, event info etc.

After you login to www.scoutsqld.com.au, scroll down to PROPERTY on the left side and you will find three entries:

- ◆ PROPERTY – property returns
- ◆ PROPERTY – CURRENT (news and current events) – there are links to council condition reports, asbestos etc
- ◆ PROPERTY TOOLKIT – fire evacuation signs and other tools.

The bulk of information is organized under the 2nd section which is split by local council. Just click the link on the page or within the PDF file to access content. If something is there but does not work (e.g. lease plans are listed but not available), please flick me an email and I will correct it.

Mark Brannigan
Property Officer
p: 3721-5726
e: property@scoutsqld.com.au

Grants

Communication

If you would like to know more about funding opportunities and need advice on how to apply for a grant for your Scout Group; contact: Catherine Schofield



grants@scoutsqld.com.au



(07) 3721 5734



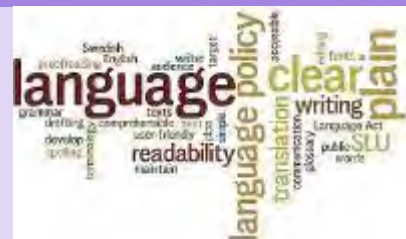
Check out the Grants Section in the Members Area of the Scouts Queensland Website



Grants Toolkit

Grant Writing Language

The language you use when writing your grant application provides evidence as to your ability and capacity to deliver.



Quite often you will have a limited space in which to justify your need for grant funding so make sure you are using the right language to strengthen your application.

Sentences can be active or passive; for a strong grant application you want to be using active sentences with strong, precise verbs.

'The Group need to upgrade....'

'The Group is going to run a program....'

'We will deliver the program....'

'The project will be completed....'

Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

Get in the Game

Get Started

Funding to help kids participate



Caring for Our Community Grants—Results

The results of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Caring for our Community Grants were delayed due to the State elections. There is still no news on when they will be announced.

The Green Army is a hands-on, practical environmental action programme that supports local environment and heritage conservation projects across Australia.



Visit: <http://www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/projects>



Calendar of Closing Dates:

There are a number of grant programs currently open, please prepare your applications well in advance and forward all forms to the Grants and Project Officer ONE WEEK before the Funds close.

GRANT	CLOSING DATE
Green Army Projects	17 March 2015
Stocklands Community Grants	23 March 2015
Westpac Foundation Community Grants	24 March 2015
Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants	27 March 2015
Logan City Council Community Services Grants	31 March 2015
Australia Post Our Neighbourhood Community	2 April 2015
Port of Brisbane Community Grant Program	30 April 2015
RACQ Foundation—Natural Disasters	7 May 2015
Gambling Community Benefit Fund	31 May 2015

GET STARTED VOUCHERS FULLY ALLOCATED

Get Started Vouchers have been fully allocated, which means families can no longer apply for the vouchers.

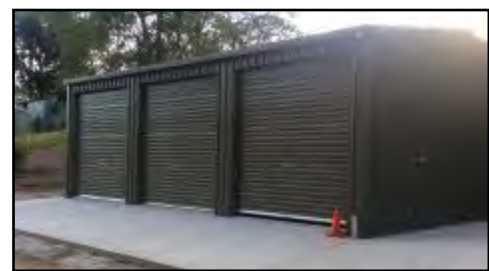
Important Dates

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| 11 May 2015 | Deadline for families with vouchers to present them to your Group |
| 25 May 2015 | Deadline for Groups to submit vouchers to the Grants and Project Officer for the vouchers to be redeemed |

BUILDING FROM GRANT SUCCESS

Thanks to funding from the Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund and an enormous amount of hard work by the Groups Project Team,

Oakleigh Scout Group have built a great new storage shed to provide much needed secure storage for watercraft and camping gear.



Youth awards

Youth Programme



JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE

Jacob Atkins
Christopher Sheather
Ryan Heslop
Luke Coster
Connor Beats
Jacob Holley
Patrick Liner
Tobias Coultis
Kaewa Marumaru
Blake Burgess
Nicholas Copley
Ava Hutchins
Tiana Kassanis

Marsden Scout Group
Marsden Scout Group
Yandina Scout Group
Yandina Scout Group
2nd Nambour Scout Group
McDowall-Bunya Scout Group
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McDowall-Bunya Scout Group
Bracken Ridge Scout Group
Bracken Ridge Scout Group
Bracken Ridge Scout Group
Bracken Ridge Scout Group
Clifton Scout Group



CUB SCOUT GREY WOLF AWARD

Thomas Moore
Iain Jensen
Mark Stubbs
Braydon Orams
Matthew Staunton
Lachlan Lang
Declan Leahy
Tadiwa Mutsimba
Jayna Jenkin-Stralow
Chloe Tomczak
Zoe Edwards
Ashar Cosgrove
Kaden Dale
Evan McKibbin

Kurilpa Scout Group
Albany Creek Scout Group
Wynnum Scout Group
Priestdale Scout Group
Rochedale Scout Group
Glennie Heights Scout Group
Victor Scout Group
Marsden Scout Group
Charters Towers Scout Group
Wahminda Park Scout Group
Wahminda Park Scout Group
Coomera Scout Group
Coomera Scout Group
Wilston Scout Group



AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

Zachary Eickenloff
Eloise Taylor
Alycea Rentoul
Brayden Bianchi
Jackson Smith
Duncan Head
Liam Tolliday
Jared Alford
Charlotte Radel

Goodna Scout Group
The Gap Scout Group
The Gap Scout Group
Calliope Scout Group
Upper Mount Gravatt Scout Group
Upper Mount Gravatt Scout Group
Silkstone Scout Group
Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Wavell Heights Scout Group



BADEN POWELL SCOUT AWARD

Rowan Yates

Albany Creek Scout Group

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See the exciting events we have in the Asia-Pacific Region

2015

ANZAC Centenary Celebrations
Turkey
23rd World Scout Jamboree
July – August 2015
Kirara-hama, Japan
Haarlem Jamborette International
July 26 - August 4, 2015
The Netherlands
Uganda Scouts International
Centenary Jamboree August 18-28

2016

New Zealand Venture
Kandersteg Expedition
26th June – 10th July 2016

2017

15th World scout Moot
Iceland

2019

24th World Scout Jamboree
North America (Canada, USA, Mexico)

Noosa Sea Scouts Campground

Camp 1.5 ha of shady campground,
Bunkhouse with modern kitchen

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Make your booking now: bookings@noosaseascouts.com
More information go to: <http://noosaseascouts.com.au>
Booking Officer Phone: 07 54 730 028

CONGRATULATIONS WOOD BADGE

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Wood badge to the following Members.



Donald Walsh	Shailer Park Scout Group	Margaret-Mary Elliott	Moreton Region
Craig Andrews	Caboolture Scout Group	Olivia Rose	Jandowae Scout Group
Annette Andrews	Caboolture Scout Group	James Cavanagh	West Centenary Scout Group
Lawrence Thomas	Salisbury Scout Group	Charles Garland	Kawana Scout Group
Ian Beynon	Northern Beaches Scout Group	Robert Ross	Beaver Master District
Gary Prout	Caloundra Scout Group	Taylor Gregory	Greenbank Scout Group
Christine Bromwich	Clifton Hill Scout Group	Christopher Mellare	Helensvale Scout Group
Anthony Palmer	Beaver Masters District	Michelle Porter	Helensvale Scout Group
Christopher Noonan	Wilston Scout	Bradley Thompson	Bayside Scout Group
Peter Kinne	Majestic Park Scout	Craig Turton	Lawnton Scout Group
Jonathon Cowley	Manly-Lota Scout Group	Ian Kranz	Kingaroy Scout Group
David Grima	Goondi Scout Group	Peter Seng	Kingaroy Scout Group
Jaime Teraki	Landsborough Scout Group	Kenneth Trinder	Banksia Scout Group
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