



ENCOMPASS



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NEWS AND EVENTS

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Scouts Queensland's new look website

Take the time to discover the new look of Scout Queensland's website – more resources and information will be added regularly, all of the articles in this month's Encompass are now available on line so click through to read more about the great adventure that is Scouting.



North West Scouts traverse the Upper Brisbane River

In late February a group of 22 scouts and 8 leaders journeyed down the Upper Brisbane River in canoes from the Wivenhoe Dam wall past Fernvale to finish at Savage's Crossing. The 20 km overnight canoe expedition was the final test in their Explorer Level canoe qualification training. The Scouts were from McDowall-Bunya, Grovely-Mitchelton, Wahminda Park and Samford Scout Groups... [read more online](#)



Darling Downs Region Combined Cub Scouts and Scouts Environment Day

Cub Scouts and Scouts from the Darling Downs region as well as 6 Scouts from Esk Scout Group enjoyed a beautiful Autumn day at Wirraglen, learning about caring for our environment.

The youth members ventured to the running creek on site to take samples of the water and look for living organisms...

News from Central and Coastal Region

Congratulations to Rohan Hopewell who earned his Grey Wolf Award and was then unceremoniously dumped into scouts – the stretcher bearers did a good job of that.

[Learn more about the Central and Coastal Scouting adventures online...](#)

Lowood Scouting Adventures

March has been a crazy busy month at Lowood Scouts. Our Joey Scout Section has been exploring rainbow colours all month and produced this awesome rainbow to brighten up our Den. On Saturday 21st March they hopped along to Harmony Day Celebrations in Ipswich with other Joey Scout Mobs.

The Cub Scouts went on a compass hike to complete some their Boomerang challenge work, with the local ambulance station as the secret destination. The Cub Scouts enjoyed a rare 'behind the scenes' tour of an ambulance station and got to climb in and out three different types of ambulances. A big thanks to our local Paramedic Chris, who volunteered his

time to make sure someone would be available at the station for us.

[Check out the other exciting things that Lowood has been up to recently online...](#)

Northern Beaches support Shave for a Cure

On Saturday 14th March, Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Leaders and Parents from the Northern Beaches Scout Group braved the weather, and turned out for the [Leukaemia Foundation - World's Greatest Shave](#).

The Group raised over \$3,500 for the Leukaemia Foundation with the participants shaving or colouring their hair.

[There is more adventures from the Northern Beaches online...](#)



The pride of Bayside Sea Scouts

Bayside Sea Scouts are extremely proud to see 2 of our Venturers awarded with the Queen's Scout Award at a ceremony at our Landship on 29th March.

The awards were presented by our District Commissioner, Cindy Van Der Gevel to Pandora Peers (L in Rover shirt) and Sarah Chlonta (R)



CHIEF COMMISSIONER

What's happened in March?

During March the National Youth Council met over a very wet weekend at Baden-Powell Park. The South East Queensland members of the Branch Youth Council spent time with the members on the Saturday evening. All Queenslanders on the NYC and the BYC are excellent role models for our young people. Charlee Howard-Osbourne from Maryborough was appointed Patrol Leader - well done Charlee!

Sornsawan Opal Ho (from Thailand), Chairman of the Asia Pacific Region Young Adult Members Group, was able to participate in the NYC - a great experience for her and for our young people.

New Branch Appointments

Three new Region Commissioners commence their roles on April 1, 2015.

- **Maurice Wilson** - Wide Bay Burnett Region

- **Karl Lingard** - Brisbane South Region
- **Peter Gould** - South Eastern Region
- **Bruce Scott** has been appointed Branch Adviser (Special Duties)

I am sure you all wish them great success in their new roles.

National Operations Committee meeting

The National Operations Committee meeting was held in Darwin during March. One of the major areas of discussion was the consultation for the Youth Program Review which will be sent to all members, heads of religious institutions and State Governors - by email or hard copy. **Please note all information to members (from the National Office) will be available via Scouts Central, plus a video regarding the proposed changes** as well as what I will have sent out. The National Office has developed a plan to receive your feedback

on the proposals related to the Fundamentals, Aim and Principles. All feedback once the documentation is released will be submitted by going to ypr.scouts.com.au/promiselaw, a summary of comments should also be passed on to your Team Leader who will brief DCC Youth Program and myself on the support within the Branch.

All feedback received related to **One Program, One Promise** including proposed will be collated and addressed at a Special National Council meeting later this year. It was hoped that this information would be released by 1 April but at this stage that is delayed. I will advise when available for your input. The other sections of the Review are still to be finalised (e.g. Age Ranges, Program, Sections) later this year.

Read more from our Chief Commissioner online...

JOEY SCOUTS



Hopalong

If you weren't there then you missed a wonder day meeting new people and learning about aboriginal people and their culture.

The facilitator for the event was Mr Paul Craft who was assisted by his off sider Josh. Right from the completion of parade Paul had our full attention as he prepared us for the day's activities while applying body paints to our hands and faces with the help from some of our leaders who prepared our ladies with appropriate ceremonial feathers.

With parade completed and ourselves appropriately prepared we moved off to a shaded area for talks and discussions about the aboriginal people and their culture, before proceeding to a hands on experience of spear and boomerang throwing. You haven't seen anything until you have seen a group of leaders showing their skills and expertise (or lack of) in these areas; some were better than others, none as good as Paul and Josh who gracefully went through the motions showing us how it should be executed.

"In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can" Nikos Kazantzakis

Hop online to experience more of the Joey Scout Scout fun

CUB SCOUTS

Cubs Can Come (CCC or Triple C)

Triple C (CCC) is a 'Linking' activity that is part of the annual Scout activity **Triple S** (*Scout Section Skills*). **Triple C** involves your Scout Troop liaising with your Cub Scout Pack (Group Council would be a great starting point) to invite appropriate Cub Scouts (who are Linking or about to commence Linking to Scouts) to come along to the Scouts' **Triple S** for a day (not overnight) and join with their respective Scout Troop/Patrols on appropriate **Triple S** activities or special **Triple C** activities.

This year's **Triple S** is planned for 3rd to 6th July at BP Park (Sorry for those outside SE QLD) and the **Triple C** day is **tentatively** planned for Saturday 4th July; confirmation of the **Triple C** day and more detail will be made available soon. The 'inviting' of appropriate Cub Scouts to the **Triple C** day is meant to be Scout Troop lead. **However, Cub Scout Leaders, I suggest you start the 'conversation' (plant the idea) with your Scout Troop without delay.** This is a good opportunity for the older Cub Scouts to see what the Scout Section is about and will help with Linking.

"Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"

Learn more about Cub Scouts online

SCOUTS

More on Patrol Leaders

Continuing on from last month's article it is important in the development of a Patrol Leader that we have good communication. If I had a dollar for every situation where communication was blamed for a breakdown in a particular situation or event I'd be considering early retirement. In today's world of technology there are so many ways in which we think we are communicating. It's so easy to do by firing off a message such as an SMS, email, post or voicemail and sitting but and thinking how easy was that? Unfortunately this isn't communicating because it is only one way. True communication only happens when we close the loop. To close the loop means that you are communicating with a person and get a reply to what you have said that indicates they understand. This is a skill that we can pass on to Patrol Leaders through instruction and personal example. Once the Patrol Leader starts to put closed loop communication into practice with their Patrol then I'm sure we will all see things running a lot more smoothly.

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

Training Calendar now available	link
Event applications now available	link
See this month's Youth Awards	link
Congratulations to the latest Wood Badge Awardees	link

More Scouting information online...

INTERNATIONAL



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

"When you join a Patrol you become part of a worldwide brotherhood in which every

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

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Scouts Australia is now accepting Expressions of

Interest from Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, and Adult Leaders for the 2015 PNG National Jamboree.

20-25 September, 2015, Papua New Guinea.

While we have limited details at this stage, Scouts Australia is committed to sending a contingent to this event, and more information will be available shortly for those who fill in the *expression of interest form*.

PERFORMING ARTS

We are particularly excited that we have launched our Scout Section program and it is now available for booking.

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.

Darling Downs Regional Performing Arts Activity Day

In March the Queensland Performing Arts Team travelled to Toowoomba to Wirraglen campsite to run a Performing Arts Activity. The day consisted of our Joey Scout Program, followed by our Cub Scout Program with a twist which saw Cub Scouts plan, produce and costume skits for the Campfire which ended the day.



The Cub Scouts worked through a series of bases, Set/Props Construction, Costumes and Skit Development- put that all together and then performed that evening at the Campfire.

To find out more about the amazing Performing Arts program for your Group – pop online



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

As a Scout, you are the guardian of the woods. A Scout never damages a tree by hacking it with his knife or axe. It does not take long to fell a tree, but it takes many years to grow one, so a Scout cuts down a tree for a good reason only – not just for the sake of using his axe. For every tree felled, two should be planted – Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Never underestimate the importance of knowing and loving your world. We are our environment; our actions can have profound implications on the future of our world and our descendants. My challenge to you is to begin to find your passion for the natural world - Get outside, get dirty, get excited and get inspired! See where nature takes you!



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.

KOKODA CHALLENGE JUNIOR GAMES

Be part of the Kokoda Challenge Junior Games on 18 July 2015 at Nerang Velodrome, *[learn more online...](#)*

YOUTH PROGRAM

Are you going to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Japan in August? No, well you can still join in the activities and celebrations. The 23WSJ will be held in Kiraraha, Yamaguchi, Japan in 2015, from 28 July to 8 August. The 12-day event will bring together thousands of young Scouts aged 14 to 17 years from over 162 countries and territories. The theme of the event is "A Spirit of Unity".

Join in Jamboree (JJ) has been provided so that all those unable to participate at Japan are able to experience the Jamboree programme. A JJ resource kit is provided to assist youth under the direction of leaders to bring the Jamboree Programme and some experiences to your Mob, Pack, Troop Unit or Crew meetings. These activities can be used at any time and can be adapted for your own situation, depending on the size of the troop, the experience of the membership, the facilities in your meeting place and where you live. It is also a good idea to have "Jamboree Day" in your unit, to enjoy the activities to learn the Jamboree Programme and Japanese culture.

Read more about how you can Join in Jamboree online...

THE WONGARO REVUE

Applications for this year's Wonargo Revue Cast are now open and we want You!

Wonargo is an opportunity to challenge yourself and experience something new.

Did you know that speaking / performing in public is the Number One Fear of people surveyed in the United States. Do you think you can do it?

Applying is quick and simple. You can go straight to the online Application by following this link: <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/wonargo/wonargo-2015-cast-application-2/>

SPECIAL DUTIES

You've probably seen Santa Claus; but have you ever seen the Easter Bunny?

Many small children enjoy visiting Santa local shopping centres at Christmastime. Parents would take their children to the jolly bearded man in the red suit. There they climb into his lap, telling him their wish list and receiving a gift along with his encouraging words. He was friendly, predictable and safe.

Imagine Tom's excitement when, towards the end of the month of March, he learned that the Easter Bunny would be at the local shopping

centre. He knew all about the little cuddly rabbits he had seen but he had never before seen an Easter Bunny! He was so excited to learn that his mum and dad would take him down to the shops so that he could see the Easter Bunny.

Finally, the big day came and he was taken to the shops for the big event! When he reached the Bunny's floor, he was shocked. Before him was a human-sized hare with big eyes and very large, floppy ears. The creature walked on two legs like a human. He talked, too!

Read more online...

UPDATES

Updates To Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions

Please find below new updates to Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI).

1. QBSI Cover, Content and Register of Amendments (*version number, content and register updates to reflect this update to Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions*)
2. QBSI 1.6 Group (QBSI 1.6.7 – *adding of reference to National reference material for supporting the Group Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Supporter.*)
3. QBSI 6.6 Queensland Scout Foundation (*Complete re-release, recommended re-read, major changes to the process to assist Formations.*)
4. QBSI 7.12 Sun Safe Policy (*New chapter*)
5. QBSI 8 Uniform (QBSI 8.1 – *reinforcement that Scouting is a uniformed movement; QBSI 8.1.1 – changes to incorporate some of the new training terminology (i.e. Introduction to Scouting instead of LT1); QBSI 8.2.1 – reference to Adult Members who are not Leaders being able to wear a polo shirt or apply to wear uniform dependent on their role; QBSI 8.3.3 – added references to the new Branch Team scarf and the Scoutreach Lones scarf; QBSI 8.9 – added section on the wearing of the Association of Top Achiever Scout (ATAS) badge.*)

The Queensland Branch website will be updated to reflect these changes. Please make sure you update your QBSI USB with the updated chapters.

The **complete** Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI) document (PDF, Adobe Acrobat Reader or similar required) will be available on the website to download in the next few days. This complete Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI) document is intended to assist members with search ability and ease of reference when accessing QBSI. This document is re-released with every update to Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI).

GRIEVANCES & DISPUTES

The Chief Commissioner of Australia has received a number of complaints from members (and family members) of the Queensland Branch which have been referred back to the Chief Commissioner's Office to address.

It is important that all members follow the correct procedures outlined in Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions 3.10 Grievances and Disputes. Scouts Australia is a federation and therefore the Chief Commissioner of Australia or the National Office have no ability to investigate grievances and or disputes.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are called for from suitably qualified Adults in Scouting to apply for the following positions:

- **Branch Commissioner** (International)
- **Branch Commissioner** (Environmental Education)
- **Branch Adviser** (Rover Scouts), the appointment is formerly known as Branch Commissioner (Rover Scouts)

Applicants must apply in writing no later than close of business on April 30, 2015 to Linn Pihl by emailing ccea@scoutsqld.com.au. The duty statement is available by request from Linn.

Updates and further information online...

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.

Contact the Scout Supply Centre if you have any questions or go online to see what else is available...

I HAVE "GONE HOME"

Mr Paul Phillip Andersen February

If you would like us to add your loved one to the "Gone Home" column, please forward their details to the editor by emailing

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