



# ENC<sup>COMPASS</sup>



## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### EVENT BADGES

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
Kiwi Woggle badge	April 1, 2015	July 1, 2015
Join-in-Jamboree badge	July 31, 2015	October 31, 2015
25 Year Joey Scouts Celebration badge	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2016

### ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

To register for the events listed below please visit Scouts Queensland's online application system

<https://register.scoutsqld.com.au>

**AGOONOREE (Expressions of Interest)**

**CAMP LUII**

**TNT MOOT**

### 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 General Manager on 07 3870 7000.

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

Click here for Child Protection Policy and Procedures including notification procedures.

### Helensvale Joey Scout Adventure

Last month, Helensvale Joey Scouts embarked on their latest adventurous activity. In partnership with Tory Pertz and the team at Rocksports Indoor Climbing in the valley, the Joey Scouts met up on Saturday evening for a private climbing session after the business shut for the day. After a few hours of awesome climbing followed by dinner it was time for bed. The rock climbing walls made a very interesting back drop for our night stay and it felt a lot like we were sleeping in caves.

[Read more about the Joey Scouts adventures](#)



### Venturer Scouts care for the environment

Caring for the environment is a huge part of Scouting, so when the Erapah environment team held their environment course for Venturer Scouts in March, 13 Venturer Scouts from the Gold Coast, Logan and Brisbane all said they would go. The amazing team at Erapah spent the weekend teaching us about the environment and the effect that we have on our planet as well as assisting us in removing fishbone fern from outside the Erapah bunkhouse, leading to the discovery of a sensory trail overgrown with weeds.

[Learn more from the Venturer Scouts online...](#)

### ANZAC Tradition spurs new Scouting Tradition

The 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of landing at Gallipoli has inspired a new tradition with Kenmore Scout Group – having the entire group (Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Leaders) camp overnight at the Den, and participate in a Dawn Service.

Over 70 people ate dinner around the camp fire at the Bielby Road Scout Den on a relatively cool evening on 24<sup>th</sup>. Three Youth Members received top awards in their sections: The Promise Challenge (Joey Scout Darcy Siepen); the Grey Wolf (Cub Scout Elliott Hewitt) and the Australian Scout Medallion (Scout Sebastian More-O'Farrell).

"These awards demonstrate that the Youth Members have achieved very high standards of achievement in their Scouting", Kenmore Group Leader, Annie Ross said.

The Dawn Service (run by the Venturer Scout Unit Chairman – Mawgan Petersen) was followed with a hearty breakfast and then a Group walk down Bielby Road to OLR, to participate in the Anzac March.

[Visit online for more...](#)



# CHIEF COMMISSIONER

## This month we need to speak about retaining young people.

I have just received our census figures for the end of the 2014-15 Scout year and disappointingly we have reduced our youth member number to 8881. Last year at census time, after a 5% growth we reached 8907. During 2014-15 we reached 10,600, so obviously retention of youth is still a major issue in some sections. Our Leader numbers increased to 1976.

Retention of all our members is really important to the sustainability and growth of Scouting; experience shows that where adults and young people enjoy and take pride in their Scouting, everybody benefits.

### What can we do about it?

To improve the retention of Youth Members we can...

### Retaining Youth Members

In 2012, research was carried out in The Scout Association (UK) to look at why young people stay in or leave Cub Scouts.

The following are some key highlights to what was found, many of which can be applied across the Sections within the Queensland Branch:

### Getting outdoors

Cub Scouts love being outside. Whether it's playing a game, lighting a fire, trying an adventurous activity or simply walking to the park, getting outside is vital to Scouting. This doesn't have to mean high adventure, and is just as important in winter as in summer.

### Fun, challenge and badges

We already know that badges make Scouting special, and that achieving them can be the highlight of a child's time in Scouting. As well as having fun, our members want to be challenged and relish the sense of achievement that being awarded a 'difficult' badge can give them.

### A supportive atmosphere

Throughout the research young people talked about their Leaders and why they make Scouting great. Leaders who are supportive, enthusiastic and inspiring, and who listen to what the young people want to do, are key to successful Sections.

## Leaders working together

No-one is a superhero. Scouting is most successful when a team of adults work together, each bringing different skills with them. So together they can be kind and understanding, good at communication, organised, full of energy and sensitive to the needs of different children. All this and they can still have some time to enjoy themselves.

## Progressing to the next Section

Helping members transition between the Sections will enable them to carry on enjoying the fun and adventure of Scouting for even longer. This can mean giving parents and young people information about different Mobs, Packs, Troops, Units and Crews and making sure they move up as soon as they are ready rather than holding on until the last possible moment.

The Branch Team will be beginning analysis of the census numbers, Group Section numbers gains and losses to try to establish what is happening.

[Learn more from the Chief Commissioner online...](#)

## JOEY SCOUTS

### 25 Year Special Celebration

This year we are celebrating the commencement of the Joey Scout section 25 years ago. What a great decision it was, and since then the Joey Scout section has flourished and formed the 5 sections of this wonderful movement. A badge (see below) has been designed to celebrate this occasion and is available for purchase from the Scout Supply Centre at Queensland Scout Centre for the cost of \$2.20 each.



Approval for the wearing of this badge on the uniforms of Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders for the period of 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 has been received from Kirsty Brown OAM, Chief Commissioner of Queensland.

I would like to see our Joey Scouts and Leaders support the 25 year celebration in purchasing and wearing the badge for this period. Show the Scouting Movement, your families, and the public how proud you are to be a member of the Joey Scout section and hold your head high when you are out in the community.

[Hop online to experience more of the Joey Scout Scout fun..](#)

## CUB SCOUTS

### Their Service Our Heritage Activity – Living in Trenches

This activity is best with craft materials such as cardboard rolls and mirrors, and with materials to make trenches such as chairs, tables and blankets. Imagine if you had to spend all of your time in a trench for months on end!

Trenches were muddy, smelly, tight, cramped, filled with rats and had lots and lots of people living in them.

There was no shelter from the rain and you often had to sleep in the same place where you stood or sat all day, not to mention there was nowhere else to go to the toilet! It was also very hard to see what the enemy were doing – if you put your head up so that you could see, you were exposing yourself to being shot at! But if you didn't look at what they were doing you wouldn't be able to fire at them or see if they were charging at you. How would you have seen what was going on?

In your Six, make a trench to live in. You could use chairs, tables, blankets, newspaper or other materials. Real trenches were only a metre or two wide so that they presented smaller targets to the enemy. To help you see out of your trench to what the other Sixes are doing, you could make a periscope like the real soldiers.

Better be careful that you don't keep it up too long though.

[Learn more about Cub Scouts online...](#)

## SCOUTS

### Scouter Skills

For some time I have listened to Leaders expound on why they are unable to attend any of the activities that are aimed at providing continuous development. In past years Scout Out has been cancelled due to low numbers with reasons such as too far to travel, too expensive and too long being the most common. Scout Out was a very valuable weekend for learning new or updating old skills and networking with other Scout Leaders.

To address some of the major concerns we will be conducting ongoing skills days to make it easier for you. These development opportunities will be one day only, at very little cost and will move around the Regions so you don't have to travel too far. It is intended to conduct one of these days a term but I am happy to increase the frequency if the demand is there. Each successive day will be in a different Region so a lot of travel will not be involved. You can wait for us to come to you or come to every one if you wish.

[More Scouting information online...](#)

## PEAKED CAP PRICE INCREASE

Peaked Caps have increased in price to \$12.95 incl GST. Please make sure to amend any price lists that might be on hand.

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



## YOUTH PROGRAM

### CENTENARY OF SERVICE

The week surrounding the Anzac Day celebrations reminded us all of the growth of the Australian nation and of the sacrifices and service given by so many young men and women who fought in wars to enable us to live the lives we have today. It was a time of remembrance and to give thanks for the service given by so many people. It is also a time to reflect and to remember that our Movement grew from war and conflict.

It was after the Boer War that our Founder returned to England and wrote his articles for the local newspaper. These were motivational to many Youth Members who wished to become Scouts and one hundred and seven years later, as they say, it is history.

To enable our youth to consider life around 1914 a number of activities have been developed to assist our youth members experience what our soldiers had during the First World War.

This resource will be added to over the next three years and is in addition to participating in the Their Service, Our Heritage Badge. Further details for every section is available from Scouts Central or <https://scoutsqld.com.au/blog/2015/04/22/centenary-of-wwi-program-resources/>

Did you know, the youngest Australian confirmed to have died in WWI was James Charles ('Jim') Martin who died at the age of 14 years and 9 months when he succumbed to typhoid during the Gallipoli campaign. One hundred years ago, most of the men and some of the women would have been missing from

society – the parents, older siblings, teachers and Scout Leaders were off at war.

Young people would suddenly have had to help support their families and the raising of younger siblings. And many were waiting for when they would be old enough (or looked old enough) to enlist.

Visit the website for some interesting activity ideas for Joey and Cub Scouts....



## VENTURER SCOUTS

### What is a Venturer Scout Unit?

I often get asked the question 'What actually is a Venturer Scout Unit?' and it has made me think. Yes, we are a part of the International Scout Association for young people aged between 14.5 and 18 years of age. Yes, we are about providing young people with the skills and attributes required to be active citizens in tomorrow's society. Yes, we undertake activities of an adventurous and challenging nature. Yes, we provide young people opportunities that they may not be exposed to if they were not part of the movement. However with all of these responses I am still left thinking 'What actually is a Venturer Scout Unit?' To this extent I have come up with only one conclusion, Venturer Scout Units are unique to the members they consist of. Whilst we have guidelines and common themed programs, each Venturer Scout Unit is unique and one should not be compared to another.

Learn more about Venturer Scouting online...

## ROVER SCOUTS

### Additional Rover Advanced Practical Weekend in Brisbane!!

An additional Advanced Training Course is scheduled for 24-Jul-15 (Fri) - 26-Jul-15 (Sun)

Applications are due by 3-Jul-15 (Fri)

to apply please fill out an A15 with the course code 5411505. The course is conducted at Baden Powell Park.

**NOTE:** you MUST have done your bushwalking course and completed all relevant elearning modules (and attachments) before the advanced course.

### Dates

QBRC May meeting – 17 May 7pm QSC

Test 'n' Tracks Moot – 22-24 May BP Park

QBRC AGM – 31 May – QSC

QBRC June meeting – 21 June 7pm QSC

St Georges Ball - 1 August

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### World Environment Day 5 June 2015

Join Environment Online (ENO) at [www.enoprogramme.org](http://www.enoprogramme.org) in their 2015 Treelympics 21 March to 24 October 2015. Join and help them plant 100 million trees by 2017, a pledge made at the Rio+20 Summit in 2012.

So far, with plantings and commitments from governments, the number stands at 91.7 million trees but they still need more help. Why not register your own tree planting site?

Do it for World Environment Day or plan it for National Tree Day (Sunday 26 July).

[www.treelympics.org](http://www.treelympics.org)  
**Calendar dates**

2 May	Joey Scouts	Rocky Creek
9 May	Cub Scouts	Eprapah
16-17 May	Venturer Scouts	Environment Tape
30 May	Scouts	Eprapah
13 June	Cub Scouts	(Waterwise) Eprapah
20 June	Joey Scouts	Eprapah

To book phone 3870 7000 or email [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au)

### ABSEILING ACTIVITIES DATES

Abseiling activities dates available in the next few months.

31 May
13 June
14 June
18 July
2 Aug (small Group natural site)
16 Aug (small Group natural site)

To book phone 3870 7000 or email [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au)

## INTERNATIONAL

### Host Families Required For Scout Exchange Program

We are seeking interested families with Venturer Scout aged Youth Members (14½ to 17yrs – boys & girls) who will be interested in hosting a visiting Venturer Scout either from England, Denmark or Indonesia from late June till early August 2015 (dates to be confirmed). The Exchange Venturer Scout 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 Venturer Scouts going to Queensland.

For more information, please contact Qld SISEP Co-ordinator Scott Edwards.  
[sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

### New Zealand Venture 2016 - Leaders wanted

The Australian Contingent has grown rapidly to includes members from every Branch in Australia making it a truly National Contingent. There is presently a waiting list with around 18 Members remaining however they are progressively working through these as other Members withdraw.

They are looking for an additional 20 Venturer Scout Leaders to join the Contingent.

For more information contact the Contingent Leader Phil Britt [phil@nzv2016.com](mailto:phil@nzv2016.com)

### Appeal to help Nepal earthquake survivors

The Scouting community expresses deep concern for the people of Nepal, and hope for their safety, strength and the will to recover.

Visit our site for details on how to give...



## SPECIAL DUTIES

### Think before you Speak

How easy it is for us to see something and then say, without knowing all the facts, something that may not be appropriate or nice. It behoves us to think before we open our mouths and say something that we might regret later. This little story puts it all into perspective.

It was a sunny day, but the climate was enjoyable. Everyone in the railway station was waiting for the train to arrive. Among the crowd, there was a group of friends, who were on board because they were going on holidays together.

It was a busy station with a juice shop, a mobile restaurant, coffee and tea stalls, newspaper shop, etc. The announcement regarding the arrival of the train was made and everyone prepared to get into the train to their appropriate places.

The group of friends made loud noise to welcome the train as it entered the station. They ran to get their reserved seats before anyone could get into the train.

The empty seats were filled and the train whistled to move. An old man with a young boy aged around 15 years came running to catch the train. They entered the train and the train started to move. They had their seats just adjacent to the friends' group.

The young boy was so surprised to see everything. He exclaimed at his father, 'Dad,

The train is moving and the things are moving backwards!

His father smiled and nodded his head.

As the train started moving fast, the Johnnie again screamed, 'Dad the trees are green in colour and run backward very fast.' His father said, 'Yes Johnnie' and smiled.

Just like a kid, he was watching everything with great enthusiasm and happiness loaded with tons of surprises.

A fruit seller passed selling apples and oranges. The Johnnie asked his dad, 'I want to eat apples.' His father bought him apples. He said, 'Oh, I love the colour of the apple and it tastes so sweet.'

The group was watching all the activities of this boy and asked the boy's father 'Is your son having any problem? Why is he behaving very differently?'

A friend from the group made fun of him and shouted, 'His son is mad I think.'

The Johnnie's father, with patience, replied to the friend-group. 'My son was born blind. Only a few days ago he was operated on and now he can see!' He is seeing various things in his life for the first time.'

The young friends became very quiet and apologized to his father and to Johnnie.

*Think Before You Speak.*

Good Scouting.

## UPDATES

### WHS and Scouting (BCORE WHS)

Further to the Chief Commissioner's memorandum of August 29 2014, it is time to remind everyone that all Members are required to undertake the e-Learning module WHS and Scouting. This follows the module being made compulsory for all Members of the Association, in all Branches, who are over the age of 18 years.

## SCOUTS AND ANZAC DAY

### Scouting supports ANZAC Day

Many of our Scouting Groups supported ANZAC Day Dawn Services and parades throughout Queensland. [See their stories online...](#)



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Congratulations boys, Calliope is very proud of you!

It has been a very busy few months for the Calliope Scouts with the awarding of two Australian Scout Medallions in recent months. This is the fifth ASM for the group in 5 years.

Scouts Ryan Kettle and Brayden Bianchi linked from Cub Scouts together five years ago and testament to their bond, both were awarded the ASM within months of each other. They are never one to miss a camp or hike and are passionate about all things Scouting. Always ones to go the extra mile they put extra time into every facet of their adventurer level badgework to make sure it was that little bit more difficult than what was expected.



### Operation Nighthawk 2015

[Click on the advert below for more information...](#)



### Mareeba Scout Group turns 100!

Mareeba Scout Group are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on the weekend of the 8 - 9 August 2015. We are planning a street parade, Far North Queensland Region Scout rally (over 200 Scouts), bush dance, campfire and dinner as well as an open morning with memorabilia display/ex-Scout talks at our den.

They would love all interested ex-Scouts and Leaders, present Scouts and Leaders and their families and friends to join them on this weekend! They would also love to hear from anyone who has any Mareeba Scouting stories, photos or memorabilia to please get in touch as they want to gather as much information as possible about the Group's 100 year history! [Learn more online...](#)

### Rovers venture to NZ Moot

On Easter Thursday, three Queensland Rovers, Brogan Li, Xavier Musson and Brendan Wilson, ventured across the ditch to the New Zealand Rovers "She'll Be Right Moot", spanning the Easter Long weekend. A great time was had by all as we chilled with 60 other Australians, and 140 NZ Rovers at the Karamu Trail Track, a working dairy farm just west of Hamilton.

The weekend had various different activities to keep us busy and entertained. Friday was the events Service Project where we helped renovate the Districts main campsite, including re-sheeting and painting bunkhouses, and ripping out old shower blocks.

[Read more of their adventures online...](#)

### I HAVE "GONE HOME"

**Wong Chi Kim May 2015**

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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